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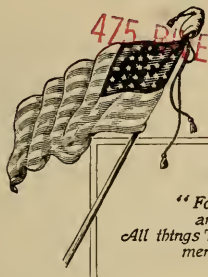

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Mrs. MARGARET DELIGHT MOORS, Sup't.,	Detroit Deaconess Home, 53 W. Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Mich.
Miss MAUDE KING, Sup't,	Tillman Avenue Mission, 267 Tillman Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. EMMA A. TURNEY, Superintendent,	Genesee Conference Deaconess Home, 292 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.
Miss ANNIE R. BASSETT, Deaconess,	Glenn Home, Cincinnati, O.
" JOANNA B. WILLIAMS, Superintendent,	Holloway Deaconess Home, Bridgeport, O.
" RHODA E. SIGLER, Deaconess,	Deaconess Home, Street, Knoxville, Tenn.
" LAURA M. BATEMAN, "	Marion, O.
Mrs. E. J. ROGERS, Superintendent,	Ohio Conference Deaconess Home, 565 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio.
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" ELLA M. BATEMAN, Deaconess,	Warren, Pa.
" LULU MCMILLIN, Superintendent,	Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Training School, 1155 W. Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
" GRACE CLARKE, Principal of School,	
" CLARA B. KEYHOE, Superintendent,	Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo.
" CAROLIE F. ROTIS, Superintendent,	Colorado Conference Deaconess Home, 1070 South 15th St., Denver, Colo.
" LAURA H. GAMBLE, Deaconess,	Enid, Okla.
Mr. WM. A. DAVIS, Superintendent,	Cunningham Deaconess Home and Or-
Mrs. WM. A. DAVIS, Matron,	phanage, Urbana, Ill.
" L. G. MURPHY, General Sup't,	Graham Protestant Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa.
Miss MARY C. JACKSON, Sup't,	" " " " "
F. B. DORSEY, M. D., Chief of Medical Staff,	" " " " "
Miss VIOLA R. FRY, Deaconess,	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
" JANE HAWKINS, "	Olney, "
" SUSIE MORTON, Superintendent,	Shesler Deaconess Home, 1222 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa.
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Miss MAEBELL GRAHAM, Deaconess, ... Aberdeen, Wash.
" EDNA TRETHWAY, " . . . . . Ashland, Ore.
" EVA LUND, " . . . . . Eugene, "
Mrs. HELEN R. PECK, " . . . . . Santa Cruz, Cal.
" MARY WIDAMAN, " . . . . . Sacramento, Cal.
Miss BIRDSALL, Superintendent, ... Southern California Conference Deaconess Home, 226 Hewitt St., Los Angeles, Cal.
" ADA BISBEE, Deaconess, ... Fresno, Cal.
" EDITH BAXTER, " . . . . . San Bernardina, Cal.
" HOUSTON, " . . . . . San Diego, Cal.
" METTIE CHAFFEE, " . . . . . Pasadena, Cal.
Mrs. EMMA J. KIRK, " . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
Miss C. E. ROBINSON, Superintendent, . . . Davis Deaconess Home, 347 East Fourth St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Miss ANNA HALL, ... South Atlanta, Ga.
" MARTHA JOINER, ... 2733 Mill St., St. Louis, Mo.
" HERMINIA LEONARD, ... 318 53d St., New York City.
" RUTH B. SMITH, ... New Orleans University, New Orleans, La.
" LUCY VALENTINE, ... 4 Fidelity Place, Montclair, N. J.
" HENRIETTA C. WILLIAMS, ... 127 South St., Newark, N. J.
" ROSA SIMPSON, ... Galveston, Texas.
" ROWENA HOWARD, ... Madisonville, O.

REST HOMES.

Miss ANNIE E. MOSHER, Superintendent, Bancroft Rest Home, 74 Cookman Ave., Ocean Grove N. J.
Mrs. A. E. FOOTE, " . . Wing Rest Home, Huntington Beach, Cal.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting

HELD IN

ST. PAUL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

OCTOBER 10 TO OCTOBER 17, 1906.

THE Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in St. Paul Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, Wednesday, October 10, 1906, at 10 A. M.

The President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, of New York City, announced the sacramental service as in charge of the Rev. J. F. Kemper, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Lincoln District, and the Rev. I. Frank Roach, pastor of the Church.

The Apostles' Creed was recited and the hymn "The King of Heaven His table spreads" sung.

In the solemn and impressive service of the Holy Communion every one was brought to a more intense realization of the fact that Jesus died for them, that "He had loved them and given Himself for them," and all hearts made glad response in the singing,

"Here Lord I give myself away,
'T is all that I can do."

At 10.30 the President, Mrs. Fisk took the chair and gave words of greeting to the Convention. The hymn "O for a thousand tongues to sing" was sung. Mrs. J. H. Mickey, wife of the Governor of Nebraska, was introduced. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, Delaware, Ohio; the Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Cincinnati, Ohio; and the First Vice-President, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Detroit, Mich., were called to the platform.

Mrs. Aiken organized the Convention and nominated the following

ladies as Assistant Secretaries: Mrs. E. L. Albright, Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. B. S. Potter, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Evanston, Ill.; and Mrs. Anna Wiley Coffin, East Orange, N. J. These nominations were confirmed.

Committees were constituted as follows:

Credentials and Enrollment.—Mrs. Wm. T. Brown, Mrs. A. C. Peck, Mrs. Anna M. Onstott, Mrs. C. R. Williams, and Mrs. A. E. Griffith.

Courtesies.—Mrs. F. S. Stein, Mrs. N. J. Lamb, Mrs. D. W. C. Huntington, Mrs. Paul Clark, and Mrs. Leslie Stevens.

By-Laws.—Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, Miss Maggie Addison, Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss, and Mrs. J. E. Chambers.

Resolutions.—Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Mrs. C. H. Baird, Mrs. C. B. Spencer, and Mrs. Levi Master.

Place of Meeting.—Mrs. B. C. Wentworth, Mrs. L. G. Murphy, Mrs. F. A. Sells, Mrs. E. W. Thompson, and Mrs. C. A. Jacobs.

Church Press.—Miss Martha Van Marter, Mrs. F. D. Bovard, Mrs. W. W. Robinson, Mrs. C. L. Roach, Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Mrs. P. C. Wilson, Mrs. W. R. Woner, Mrs. M. C. Bliss, Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, Miss A. M. Guernsey, Miss Nellie Snider, Miss Effie Ham, Miss K. H. Bassett, and Miss Flora Mitchell.

Secular Press.—Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. B. S. Potter, Mrs. A. H. Woodcock, Mrs. M. M. Claflin, and Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson.

Pulpit Supply.—Mrs. M. E. Roberts.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, Cincinnati, Ohio, was heard with interest and gratitude, showing the total receipts for the past year as $399,163.70 including $70,751.82 Silver Offering.

The Doxology was sung and the report adopted by a rising vote. (See Report.)

The Treasurer's report having indicated that the Philadelphia Conference was the Banner Conference, on motion of Mrs. Roach, the congratulations of the meeting were given this Conference.

The Chairman of the Auditing Committee, Mrs. Wm. A. Goodman, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio, being absent, the report was presented by Mrs. I. D. Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio, and on motion accepted. (See Report.)

At the noontide of silent prayer all hearts were lifted in petition for the Divine guidance and blessing upon the meeting.

The report of the Committee on Transportation was given by the Chairman, Mrs. Wm. M. Ampt, Cincinnati, Ohio, and accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Mission Supplies was made by the Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, Madisonville, Ohio, who was glad that not all the money given by the Society had been reported by the General Treasurer, since $60,308.26 had been paid out for cash supplies. The report was replete with interesting incidents showing that our Methodism

is reaching out on the frontiers and the work of our Society is a necessity. Mrs. Jennings submitted the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the auxiliaries be instructed to report the amount of cash supplies to the Conference Secretary of Mission supplies.

The report was accepted. (See Report.)

On motion of Mrs. Roach, letters of sympathy were voted sent to Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Mrs. C. M. Brown, Mrs. D. B. Street, Mrs. D. A. Minard, Mrs. G. A. Palen, Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Mrs. Wm. A. Goodman, and Mrs. A. W. Conklin.

A beautiful vocal solo was rendered by Miss Fannie C. Noyes.

Notices were given by Mrs. S. E. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, and the Convention adjourned until 2 P. M. with the singing of the Doxology and the benediction by the Rev. J. F. Hemper, D. D.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

A GRAND organ voluntary by Mrs. L. B. O'Mahoney opened the session. The President, Mrs. Fisk, announced Mrs. F. D. Bovard, of Berkeley, Cal., in charge of the devotional exercises. Mrs. Bovard read the forty-second chapter of Isaiah. Prayer was offered by Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, Los Angeles, Cal.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. E. L. Albright and adopted.

The first division of the program for the afternoon came under the head "Telling the Story of Work for Children."

Cunningham Orphanage, Urbana, Ill., in the absence of Mrs. A. W. Conklin, Chairman, was represented by Mrs. S. A. Bullard, Corresponding Secretary of the Illinois Conference. The Home has averaged during the year fifty boys and girls. Mrs. Bullard made a plea for continued help so that more children, through this instrumentality, may be led to higher and better lives.

Mrs. Fisk, in introducing Mrs. P. D. Perchment, Pittsburg, Pa., Chairman of the Committee for the Elizabeth A. Bradley Home, Hulton, Pa., said that she had visited this Home and was greatly delighted with its appointments. That the Home had been given to the Society by the daughters of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bradley—Mrs. P. D. Perchment, Mrs. E. H. Utley, and Miss Belle Bradley—as a memorial to their mother, and was largely supported by them.

The Home was opened May 29, 1905, with the admission of six children. Since that time the work has grown steadily and there are now nineteen in the Home.

At the close of Mrs. Perchment's report, Miss Bancroft said that she had visited many Orphanages but never one so little like an institution and so much like a home as this one.

The President introduced Miss Bessie La Varne Holcombe, of Lincoln, who sang "The Heavenly Song" to the delight of all.

Watts De Peyster Home, Tivoli, N. Y., was reported by Mrs. E. M. Foster, Yonkers, N. Y., Chairman, who touched upon all phases of life in the Home, the faithfulness of the employees and the delightful Christian atmosphere of the Home.

Mrs. Fisk said that a typewriter had been given to the Home and one of the girls had taught herself to use it with such ability that she now occupied a good position in its use and was honorably earning her own way. Mrs. Fisk displayed a piece of fancy work from the Watts De Peyster Home, the handiwork of the girls, and asked Mrs. Foster to acknowledge it for her. Mrs. Fisk emphasized the need of all our Homes for supplies for their industrial departments.

The Mother's Jewels Home, York, Neb., was represented by Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock, Fairfield, Neb., Chairman. She spoke of the household made up of seventy children and eight helpers and the untiring, unselfish work of the Superintendent, Mr. Burwell Spurlock. Touching reference was made to Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, the beloved, who is laid aside by illness and who has since the earliest years of the institution toiled by the side of her husband as Assistant Superintendent.

These interesting reports, on motion, were adopted. (See Reports.)

Mr. Burwell Spurlock, the honored Superintendent of the Mothers' Jewels Home, was introduced by the President.

Mr. Spurlock said "It would seem very much out of place did I not express the real sentiments of my heart just as nearly as is possible in words. First I must speak for the dear one who has been stricken, but whose heart is uplifted because you are here. Strong words of appreciation for the help and prayers of those who loved this work were expressed by Mr. Spurlock. He said so little had been accomplished in comparison with what they wished to do. They have a beautiful, happy home, but their ideal has not yet been reached; while they are not entirely satisfied with results, they have a hopeful outlook. To make a home for these and other homeless children needs money, but no wave of doubt has ever come, for if we do our part faithfully as unto God our work will not be in vain.

Mr. Spurlock was listened to with great interest and his tender references to Mrs. Spurlock, his implicit faith and trust, together with his resignation brought tears to many eyes.

Mrs. D. L. Williams offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, now assembled in Lincoln, Neb., hear with deepest sorrow of the severe and painful illness of Mrs. Spurlock, the Assistant Superintendent of the Mothers' Jewels Home, of York, Neb., therefore,

Resolved, That we express deepest sympathy with Brother and Sister Spurlock and their son Judge George S. Spurlock, while most earnestly praying for her speedy and complete recovery.

Mrs. Aiken, while moving the adoption of the resolution said she did it with illy concealed emotion, for she recalled the faithfulness and consecration of Mrs. Spurlock to duty, which had never been excelled by any of our workers. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Woodcock urged the ladies to visit York and the Mothers' Jewels Home, saying that the entire city would be glad to do them honor.

The second division of the afternoon program, "Educational Agencies for White Work in the South," was introduced by the President inviting Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Mansfield, Ohio, Secretary of the Bureau for Mississippi, to give her report for Bennett Home and Academy, Clarkson, Miss. Mrs. Hedges wished to be excused because she did not have her report with her.

Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn., was represented by Mrs. D. L. Williams, Chairman. She said Ritter Home had been one of our most prosperous Homes. During its life of fifteen years it has averaged fifty pupils per year. Last year there were ninety-two different girls in the Home and ninety-three had to be refused from lack of room. On motion, report accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. O. P. McCarty, Cincinnati, Ohio, Secretary of the Bureau for White Work in the South, in reporting for the Rebecca McCleskey Home, Boaz, Ala., emphasized the limitless opportunities of this work for the mountain girls, forty-two of these girls had taken examination for teachers' certificates, and thirty-eight were successful. The greatest need in the Home is an engine with which to supply the plant with water, the girls are now using a hand pump.*

Mrs. McCarty said that Mitchell Home, Lenoir, N. C., is tucked away in the hills where two missionaries are doing a most remarkable work. The children have to wander over the mountains to get to the school as there are no roads in that part of the country and the nearest doctor has a rough ride of nine miles over the hills when answering a call to the Home. On motion, accepted. (See Report.)

Mrs. A. L. Johnson pleased the Convention by singing the beautiful solo "How long with Thou forget me, O Lord?"

Mrs. Anna D. Elder, Superintendent of the Rebecca McCleskey Home, was called, but had not as yet arrived and would be heard later.

In the absence of Mrs. R. J. Miller, Chattanooga, Tenn., Chairman of the Committee on Work for American Highlanders, Mrs. Williams read a letter which expressed Mrs. Miller's disappointment, since she was unable to attend the Convention which would furnish her enthusiasm for the year's work. Mrs. Miller's report indicated encouraging work done in the mountains of Alabama and Tennessee. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Martha Van Marter represented "Our Literature" by saying "The Open Door" is the opportunity of the day for the distribution of our literature. Every auxiliary of our organization should have its "Sec-

* October 27th, this Home was totally destroyed by fire.—[Ed.].

retary of Literature." The woman best adapted for the work should be chosen and she should receive the support of every other woman. Miss Van Marter urged the use of the Church press. Missionary gatherings, Epworth League Conventions and Camp-meetings should be well supplied. If our whole duty is done in this, the work will be helped on wonderfully.

At the request of the President, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson introduced Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, once her honored pastor.

The President introduced Dr. L. H. Shumate, Presiding Elder of the West Nebraska Conference, and Dr. I. Frank Roach, pastor of St. Paul Church. These gentlemen extended hearty greetings to the Convention and expressed great gratification that the meeting had called so many to their city.

Chancellor Huntington cordially invited a visit to the University, located in a beautiful suburb of Lincoln, which during its sixteen years of life had not known a saloon or gambling-house—an ideal place for a University.

Mrs. Williams moved that in response to the invitation of Chancellor Huntington, five ladies be appointed to represent the Society at the University next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. The motion prevailed, and the following ladies were appointed: Mrs. J. C. McDowell, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Miss Van Marter, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, and Mrs. I. D. Jones.

Governor J. H. Mickey of this great commonwealth was graciously introduced by the President. As the Governor was on the program for the evening, he declined extended remarks, welcomed the Convention most cordially and expressed great pleasure that our President was a guest at the Executive Mansion.

Announcements were made, two verses of "Come thou fount of every blessing" were sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. I. Frank Roach, and the meeting adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE session was opened by the President, Mrs. Fisk, requesting the choir to lead the congregation in singing the grand old hymn "Coronation." Mrs. M. E. Roberts, of Lincoln, one of the General Organizers, conducted the devotional exercises, announcing the hymn "Watchman tell us of the night." After the singing of which she conducted the responsive reading on page 59 of the Psalter and led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. B. S. Potter and adopted.

Mrs. Aiken, in regretting the absence of the programs, paid a tribute to the Western Methodist Book Concern by saying that she had never been disappointed in any work she had placed there and that the failure

to receive the programs was not due to the neglect of the Concern in sending them, but to that of the Express Company in delivering the programs.

The large chorus choir then sang a beautiful anthem.

Mrs. Fisk, in introducing Governor J. H. Mickey, of Nebraska, said that she knew a hearty greeting awaited him for the Convention was very glad to be welcomed by a Methodist Governor, and this was shown by the great applause which greeted His Excellency.

The Governor said this was one of the greatest pleasures of his life —that of welcoming to his State the Woman's Home Missionary Society. He felt he was speaking to the salt of the earth, and he knew the hearts, arms, and homes of the people were open to the ladies and hoped that the work of the Society would receive a momentum from their stay in this, one of the best States in the Union, whose soil was first broken by the boys in blue. On every hilltop you will see educational institutions and in the city find churches scattered everywhere.

The Governor said he was an optimist and he believed every Christian should be an optimist. They should ask God for large things and expect large things, then they would receive largely. He thanked God that we have a man at the head of the Nation who is imbued with a Christlike spirit. He also said that the people of this country can have just as good a government as they want, although we do not always have an opportunity to have such men in office as Roosevelt, Hanly, and Folk, and he might, but for his modesty, have added the name of Mickey. He believed we would never have an ideal government until every Christian was an active citizen. He emphasized the assurance that the State of Nebraska is heart and soul with the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mayor F. W. Brown, on being introduced by the President, said that he was always glad to follow the Governor in speaking, for the Governor always said so many good things that there was not much left for him to say. The Mayor was reminded of several good stories which he told and which were received in a most happy manner by the large audience. He placed the city of Lincoln at the disposal of the ladies, saying that it was one of the best cities on earth, having the fewest number of saloons per capita of any city which he had ever visited. It needed only one policeman to every 12,000 for the day, and but one for every 6,000 for the night. He said we would be better citizens if we looked into the sufferings of the poor, and this was part of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Dr. I. Frank Roach, the pastor, said he was glad of the liberties extended on behalf of the State and city, and he wondered what key he was to extend, surely not that of the Kingdom of Heaven, for that he knew the Woman's Home Missionary Society possessed. Pointing to the flag used in decorating the auditorium, Dr. Roach said that this, the emblem of our country, was the key of the Nation and belonged to us.

He said the Woman's Home Missionary Society goes hand in hand with the Constitution, and wherever the flag is planted there this Society goes, lifting the lowly and placing high ideals before the Christless people. Dr. Roach said that it was his pleasure to present the key of St. Paul church, and in doing this he was welcoming the Convention in behalf not only of the Methodists of St. Paul Church, but of all the Methodists of the city of Lincoln. We were welcome from the chimes in the steeple to the range in the basement, and this statement was immediately vouched for by our President, who, in proof, had only to refer to the excellent lunch and supper which had been served.

Mrs. M. B. Hyde, of Columbus, Ind., in response to the welcome extended, said that she was not responding in the name of this Convention alone, as important as that may be, but in the name of almost 90,000 consecrated women of this great Society. She said the Woman's Home Missionary Society represents the American home, and that we are here because the American home is menaced. That we have come from sea to sea and from Maine to the Gulf with the heart cry of the whole land ringing in our ears. Of the 85,000,000 in our own country, Mrs. Hyde said 25,000,000 are churchless and 40,000,000 are Christless.

After the selection "Who is my neighbor," sung by the choir, Mrs. Fisk introduced Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, the beloved Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Williams presented the report of the Corresponding Secretary with "no discouraging message." Indeed she considered the last year the first of the new quarter century as the best of all. She said we had made an advance not only in actual membership, but as well in finances. That whereas, last year we had reduced our standing debt by the Silver Offering from $195,486 to $162,039, that this year we have met all obligations and our financial condition is better by $90,165 than it was at the close of last year. She reported every Home and School as turning away, for lack of room, as many as it is able to accommodate. New enterprises are pressing on every side and there is instant need of money and friends. Mrs. Williams said "Faith will accomplish all," and if we determine to pay the Silver Offering we can do it. She suggested that we solicit Silver Offering Life Members from among the brethren, and that no woman in Methodism should be uninvited to belong to our Society, but that every one should be urged to join us.

On motion, report was accepted. (See Report.)

By request of the President, the congregation, led by the choir, sang the last verse of "America," after which announcements for the following day were made, and after the benediction by the Rev. I. Frank Roach, the meeting adjourned until 9 A. M. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

AT 9 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fisk. "Rock of Ages" was sung. The Rev. E. R. Willis, D. D., President of the San Francisco Training-school, was presented and cordially greeted. Dr. Willis conducted the devotional service, leading in the Shepherd Psalm and offering a petition for Divine blessings. "Am I a soldier of the Cross" was sung in conclusion.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. M. C. Hickman, seconded by Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson:

Resolved, That at our next Annual Meeting an hour be reserved for memorial services for those of our number who have died during the year. Resolution was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned in favor of a meeting of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance arose at 11.15.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, resumed the chair and called for the report of our Official Organs.

Miss Martha Van Marter, Editor of *Woman's Home Missions,* said a missionary publication exists for two purposes—to get and to give—to get information and give it out, that our leaders may be stimulated to larger and better service. An increased subscription list evidences the degree of appreciation of the effort made by the paper to get and to give information, and will mean more intelligence, more gifts to the Treasury, and consequently more work in behalf of Christ's poor.

In presenting the report of *Children's Home Missions,* the Editor, Miss Van Marter, emphasized its purpose to please the children, also to instruct and stimulate them to loving service in behalf of Christ's needy ones in our own land. Through pictures, songs, and true stories of our work it strives to arrest the attention and win the co operation of the little people of our Church to Home Mission work.

On motion of Mrs. Roach, these reports were accepted with expressed appreciation of the editorial effort and success. (See Reports.)

Miss Mary Belle Evans, Publisher of Official Organs, reported a list of subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* numbering 27,946, an increase of 901 during the year. By attractive chart and suggestive leaflet an aggressive campaign for increased subscriptions was inaugurated, Conferences pledging additional subscriptions for *Woman's Home Missions* were as follows: Baltimore, 200; Pittsburg, 1,000; New York East, 100; Central Ohio, 200; Michigan, 100; New Jersey, 100; Philadelphia, 200; Central Pennsylvania, 100; Central New York, 100; West Nebraska, 50; North Indiana, 200; California, 50; North Dakota, 50; Upper Iowa, 50;

South Kansas, 50; Iowa, 100; Des Moines, 100; Detroit, 100; Genesee, 200; Maine, 100; North Nebraska, 50; Troy, 100; Northwest Iowa, 100; Central Illinois, 50; East Ohio, 100; Wyoming, 100; Lexington, 100; Illinois, 100; Washington, 50; Michigan, 100; East Ohio, 700; Northern New York, 100; Colorado, 50; Erie, 100; and St. Louis, 50.

For *Children's Home Missions:* New York East, 100; Central Ohio, 200; New Jersey, 100; Philadelphia, 100; Central Pennsylvania, 100; California, 36; Iowa, 100; Maine, 100; North Nebraska, 50; Troy, 50; Upper Iowa, 100; Rock River, 1,000; Central Illinois, 25; East Ohio, 100; Wyoming, 100; Lexington, 50; Illinois, 50; Washington, 100; Michigan, 100; East Ohio, 300; Northwest Iowa, 100; Colorado, 50; Des Moines, 300; South Kansas, 100; Erie, 100; and North Nebraska, 35.

Miss Evans recommended that a leflet of instructions be secured from our Literature Department, to aid in classifying our auxiliaries according to the number of subscribers in proportion to members.

Miss Evans, Publisher of *Children's Home Missions,* reported a subscription list of 15,264, a gain of 776 this year, and expressed the belief that we will miss our opportunity if we are not more active in placing this bright paper in the Sunday-schools and Junior Leagues.

Miss Evans submitted a chart, also a letter, copies of which she said were available for circulation in Conferences to aid in increasing the list of subscribers.

These reports, on motion of Mrs. Roach, were accepted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Auditor of *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions,* Mr. Edgar H. Holbrook, New York City, was read and accepted.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, submitted an invitation from the Board of Governors of the Jamestown Exposition to hold the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers in Norfolk, Va., and moved that the invitation be received with thanks and referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting. This motion prevailed.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach in conducting the noon-tide prayer service announced the hymn "A charge to keep I have," saying the father of that peerless woman, Frances Willard, sang the words and meaning into heart and mind in the days of her childhood.

Mrs. Roach read part of the twenty-eighth verse of the twentieth chapter of Matthew, "the son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister," as He ministered to others so should we follow in His footsteps and minister to others.

Testimonies were given by a large number of ladies as to growth in love and grace, and Mrs. Roach concluded this soul-refreshing service by an earnest prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Announcements were followed by adjournment until 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session was opened by devotional services conducted by Mrs. J. W. Robinson, colored delegates from the Lexington Conference, in language and manner of one consecrated to God and eager to improve all natural talents for His service.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Aiken and adopted.

"Seed Sowing and Harvest in the Southland" was the topic of interest for the entire session.

Miss Flora Mitchell, Superintendent of Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga., in an earnest address said there was never a time when the Southland needed the Society more than now. Class rooms are so full that even the aisles are not spared and work that could be done in the schoolroom must be done after hours because the teachers can not move among the pupils. The burden of this faithful worker is the need of a new building.

In the absence of Mrs. G. E. Palen, Secretary of the Bureau for Georgia, Mrs. D. Daly, of Philadelphia, represented her work and emphasized the need of dormitory and class rooms. The girls from Clark University come to Thayer Home for instruction in the domestic industries. The Freedmen's Aid Society has given a lease on a fine location with ample ground for garden, fruit orchard, and pasturage, and Mrs. Palen has expressed the hope that it might soon be occupied with a building that will be a credit to the Society and a fountain of blessings to the colored people. (See Report.)

Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, Richmond, Ind., Secretary of the Bureau for Florida, in reporting a successful year's work, urged a new building with better equipments for Boylan Home at Jacksonville, also for the school work at Ocala. (See Report.)

The Secretary of the Bureau for East Central States, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Delaware, Ohio, gave an encouraging report, and in closing asked, "Have we a lessening of interest in our colored work in the South?" She called to our attention the multiplied agencies in Africa for helping that race to higher things, our debt to those people to whom Christian principles have either lain dormant under the greed of gain or been trampled in the dust by base passions. Africa in our Southland needs help not only for the individual, but in the reconstruction of industrial social and political life. There are depths of misery, cruel wrongs, vast social evils, that Christianity can neither affiliate with nor condone. To the black man Christianity has a message as to the honor of womanhood, the sanctity of marriage, the rights of children—of individual and domestic purity. To the white man it has a message of toleration, justice, and the obligation to rule out whatever is evil and rule in all that is right. The way is open, the need is great, there are no obstacles except that of prejudice. Mrs. Albright asked, "Shall we remain true to our first purpose of seeking their elevation through Christian Education? (See Report.)

A personal visit on the part of Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Mansfield, Ohio, Secretary of the Bureau for Mississippi, enabled her to portray the lights and shadows of this section of our country and commend the work done at Holly Springs and Clarkson. (See Report.)

Before reading the report of the Bureau for West Central States, Mrs. Aiken announced that the Secretary, Mrs. T. P. Frost, Evanston, Ill., was unable to be present, and moved that Mrs. D. D. Thompson be requested to carry sisterly greetings to Mrs. Frost. The motion prevailed.

The report indicated most careful supervision of the work at the New Jersey Conference and Kent Homes by the efficient missionaries. (See Report.)

Mrs. Irving French, Rockford, Ill., Secretary of the Bureau for West Southern States, stated that of the seventy-eight girls in Adeline M. Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark., sixty-eight were communicants in the Church. It is an inspiring sight to see these girls led by the Superintendent on their way to Church. (See Report.)

The Superintendent, Mrs. Hilda M. Nasmyth, was enthusiastically greeted, and had chosen for her theme "Brighter Days." In referring to the recent tragical events in the South, she said, "For a little while I felt pessimistic, but I would not remain so." A picture of forty years ago was placed in contrast with the homes, schools, churches, industrial and Christian influences for the formation of character pure and righteous. God will not forget the prayers, the money, the supplies, the womanhood that risked ostracism, even impeachment of character, to help those other sisters to the dawn of "Brighter Days."

Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, Keokuk, Ia., Secretary of the Bureau for Texas, confessed to a feeling of pleasure while watching the unfolding of rudimentary powers and the development of character in the girls at King and Eliza Dee Homes.

Mrs. Murphy felt there was never a more crucial time in the history of the negro race since the Civil War. Are we losing the thought that we have a mission to these needy ones. Surely they are of the one blood, and He who notes the fall of the sparrow has heard their cry and has called us to give them the Bread of Life. May God speed the day, said Mrs. Murphy, when

"None will be elated while
One man is oppressed."

(See Report.)

The President invited Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, Corresponding Secretary of the West Texas Conference, to sing "Put de cookies on de lower shelf." Mrs. Spriggs sang to the enjoyment of all with that fervor and pathos which so wonderfully characterize the race.

The benediction was pronounced, and adjournment followed until 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING.

THE meeting was called to order by the President and the hymn "O, for a thousand tongues to sing," was sung. The Rev. I. Frank Roach read from the fifth chapter of Romans and led in prayer. The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Anna Wiley Coffin and adopted.

Mrs. B. S. Potter, Evanston, Ill., Secretary of the Bureau for Utah, delivered an address on the "Social Conditions in Utah," calling attention to the violation of the seven covenants made by the Mormon Church when statehood was desired for Utah. She spoke of the violation of the laws regarding polygamy and the indictment of President Smith for this offense, and gave a graphic description of the funeral of Apostle Merrill, whose four wives and forty-five children gathered about the casket of the deceased husband and father. She reported satisfactory work being done at our ten mission homes and schools and gave as a reason for the support of our schools the fact that the public schools taught the doctrines of Mormonism. While immediate results are not apparent in our work, God was keeping the record and He alone was responsible for the results. She made a touching plea for the ladies to use all possible influence in determining the question of the retention of Mr. Reed Smoot in the Senate.

The "Work among the Chinese of San Francisco" was presented by Mrs. F. D. Bovard, Berkeley, Cal., Secretary of the Bureau for Chinese Work, who stated that in the rescue work of the Chinese Home five hundred and fifty girls and women had been rescued from immoral slavery and sixty rescued from domestic slavery, and that many of these had married and were bringing up Christian households. Incoming steamers are met by our missionary on the lookout for girls coming to two slaveries, and a number had been returned to China through the information gained. There is immediate need for the rebuilding of the Chinese Home as Chinatown is building faster than any other section of San Francisco, and we need to make a larger impression on the family life of Chinatown than heretofore. The Chinese schools of the city accommodate only 500 pupils, and it is not advisable to send children to them as they are in danger of being molested on the way. House to house visiting is carried on, entrance to about one hundred and sixty homes having been gained through their desire to learn the English language and an opportunity thus afforded for religious instruction.

An anthem, "O sing unto the Lord a new song," was beautifully rendered by the choir of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Dora Jayne, missionary in the Susannah Wesley Home, Honolulu, brought greetings from Japanese and Corean women. She described Hawaii as a beautiful country with a varied and interesting population and large business opportunities. While San Francisco might be a wreck,

its ruin did not compare with the wrecked lives in this beautiful island. She told the story of the establishment of the work of the Home and the help given by Bishop Hamilton in the purchase of the new and beautiful building which furnishes accommodations for all the lines of orphanage, school, and rescue work.

The President presented Bishop Hamilton to the Convention, which expressed its delight by prolonged applause.

Bishop Hamilton spoke of the pleasure and surprise he had felt when he learned through the papers of the large amount of money raised by the Society in the past year. He had come a thousand miles to represent Mrs. Hamilton as Secretary of the Bureau for Japanese and Corean Work. He spoke of the past periods in the world's history when the life of woman had been too often a tragedy or a comedy and rejoiced in this period of woman's influence in the Church and State.

In representing the Pacific Coast he said we were yet to learn that the best of the world is on the other side of the Rockies, and in speaking of the unshaken faith and courage of the people of the ruined city of San Francisco, he said that amidst five miles of ruins there was no sight of woman's tears, and no sounds save the sounds of a building city. He feared somewhat that this courage might conceal their needs. He spoke of the providential preservation of our Japanese Home which was opened to shelter and provide for about eighty Japanese, and that in recognition of this helpfulness the Japanese Consul in charge of the contributions of Japan, had turned over to our ladies $1,500. He also spoke of the heroic achievements of our missionary, Miss Lake.

The Bishop gave in detail the circumstances connected with the purchase of the new property of the Susannah Wesley Home in Honolulu, and made a strong plea for the sending out of an additional missionary in the person of Miss Dean, formerly of Japan and familiar with the Japanese language. Miss Dean was introduced and cordially greeted.

To provide the salary and passage of this missionary, the Bishop conducted a campaign for funds with his accustomed skill and success, which resulted in the appended pledges: Bishop J. W. Hamilton, $25; Conferferences—Pittsburg, $250; Baltimore, $25; Philadelphia, $25; East Ohio, $25 Des Moines, $25; Upper Iowa, $25; North Ohio, $25; Ohio, $25; New Jersey, $10; Rock River, $25; Northwest Indiana, $25; Southern California, $10; North Indiana, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $25; West Wisconsin, $25; Genesee, $25; Maine, $25; Detroit, $25; Central Illinois, $25; Cincinnati, $20; North Nebraska, $10; Southern Illinois, $20; South Kansas, $5; Iowa, $10; North Dakota, $5; Colorado, $5; Northern Minnesota, $10; New York, $10; Kansas City District, $10; Kearney District, Neb., $10; St. Paul Church, Lincoln, Neb., $25; St. Paul Church Auxiliary, $5; University Place Auxiliary, $5; Kansas City Training school, $10; Adeline Smith Home, $5; Bradley Memorial Home, $25; Stickney Home, $5; Philadelphia Deaconess Home Sabbath-school, $5; Mrs. Clin-

ton B. Fisk, $5; Governor Mickey, $5; Mrs. Mickey, $5; Mrs. C. E. Hobbs, $5.

A unique musical entertainment, consisting of a solo and pantomime of "The Holy City," was presented by young ladies of the Church, and received with great pleasure by the large audience.

Bishop Hamilton pronounced the benediction and adjournment followed until 9.30 A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE session was opened at 9.30 o'clock with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair. "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, after which the President introduced Mrs. Wm. Balch, wife of the pastor of Trinity Church, Lincoln, who conducted the devotions. The service was opened by the singing of "A charge to keep I have," after which Mrs. Balch read a part of the tenth chapter of Luke, emphasizing the seventh verse as being typical of the work and workers of our Society, pouring the oil and wine into the wounds of the Lord's needy ones.

The Rev. C. W. Gallagher, D. D., Superintendent of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school, Washington, D. C., offered an uplifting prayer. The hymn "Rescue the Perishing" was sung and the devotional hour closed.

The President formally introduced Rev. C. W. Gallagher, D. D., who was cordially received by the Convention.

Mrs. Louisa E. Collins, the mother of the Woman's Home Missionary Society work in the West Nebraska Conference, conducted to the platform the Rev. P. C. Johnson, chaplain of the Nebraska penitentiary, who was introduced by the President.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright and adopted.

At ten o'clock, on motion, the Convention resolved itself into the Committee on Finance.

The Committee rose at 12 o'clock M. and the general business of the Convention was resumed after the usual few moments of silent prayer were observed, closing with the singing of two stanzas of the hymn "Forever here my rest shall be."

The President invited Miss Bancroft to the platform, saying she would bear a message that would sadden all hearts.

Miss Bancroft said she had received word of the sudden death of one of our noblest benefactors, Mr. C. E. Schoelkoff, of Kansas City, Mo. It was he who gave the ten acres of land, beautiful for situation, which surround our Fisk Training-school. His interest was always active. A man without immediate family, Mr. Schoelkoff had seemed to adopt this

deaconess family as his especial care. May his mantle fall upon one as great hearted as was he. Miss Bancroft moved that flowers be sent from this body for the funeral, and the motion prevailed.

Mrs. J. W. Bush, of Kansas City, who, with her husband, had been long time friends of Mr. Schoelkoff, was invited by the President to pay a tribute to the memory of this good friend, which she did in a few well chosen words.

On motion of Mrs. J. B. Robinson, the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, was requested to send a telegram of condolence to be read at the funeral services.

Mrs. Murphy, of Iowa, presented to the President the following friends, whom Mrs. Fisk introduced to the Convention: Miss Dolliver, sister of Senator Dolliver and Dean of the Woman's College, Morningside, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. P. M. Musser and Mrs. L. A. Peasley, of Muscatine, Iowa; and Mrs. Wm. Blom, of Keokuk, Iowa, a lady greatly interested in Graham Hospital.

The President also introduced the Rev. Wm. Balch, D. D., pastor of Trinity Church, Lincoln; the Rev. E. R. Willis, D. D., Superintendent of our Training-school in San Francisco; the Rev. W. P. Ferguson, D. D., of University Place; and Mrs. M. B. C. Mason, wife of Dr. Mason, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

The Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, read the following telegram received from the New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in Convention assembled at Utica, N. Y.:

"UTICA, N. Y., October 10.

"Woman's Home Missionary Society Convention, St. Paul's Church, Lincoln, Neb.

"First Thessalonians, first chapter, second and third verses; Titus, third chapter and fifteenth verse. "MRS. J. H. KNOWLES.

"MRS. J. W. MILLER."

At the suggestion of the President, Mrs. Aiken was requested to respond to the telegram.

The Rev. A. E. Chadwick, of the Nebraska Conference, and the Rev. I. W. Johnson, of the Central Illinois Conference, were introduced to the Convention by the President.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, and after the benediction by the Rev. Wm. Balch, D. D., the session adjourned until 2 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

THE President called the session to order at 2 o'clock, and announced that Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, First Vice-President, would preside. Mrs. Robinson, on taking the chair, requested the Presidents of our Training-schools, the Bureau Secretaries of Deaconess Work, and Deaconesses to come to the platform.

The hymn "My faith looks up to Thee" was sung, after which Miss Herick, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home at Kansas City, read a number of selections from the Bible and requested the audience to unite with her in repeating the 23rd Psalm. Miss Parrish, Deaconess in the Des Moines Conference, led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter and adopted.

Mrs. Robinson asked that all in the audience who were in any way connected with Deaconess work, stand, and about fifty arose.

Miss Bertha Elliott, a Deaconess, then sang "I think when I read that sweet story of old."

In the absence of Mrs. John Stephens, Stockton, Cal., Secretary of the Bureau for the Pacific Coast, Mrs. Bovard read the report, which told of work done on the Coast from Oregon to San Diego and in Arizona.

In connection with this report a vote of thanks was given W. K. Wing, of Los Angeles, for a gift of $700 for a Deaconess Rest Home at Huntington Beach, Cal. (See Report.)

Mrs. I. D. Jones spoke for the Bureau for Colored Deaconess Work in the absence of Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Secretary, and of the efforts to establish a Colored Deaconess Home and Training school for Girls in the South.

Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Philadelphia, Pa., reported a year of success in the nine Homes and three Deaconess Stations of the Eastern Bureau. A forward movement had been made. New property had been acquired in New York, Portland, and Washington. The first Deaconess Conference had been held at Philadelphia under the direction of Miss Bertha Fowler, and seven out of the nine Homes had been represented.

Mrs. H. R. Williamson, Corresponding Secretary of the Genesee Conference, read the report of Mrs. D. A. Minard, Secretary of the Central Deaconess Bureau, which showed success throughout the Central Bureau as due entirely to the Superintendents.

Mrs. John W. Bush, Kansas City, Mo., in giving the report of the Western Bureau, spoke in very appreciative terms of the assistance given by Mr. Schoelkoff, and said that in his recent death the Woman's Home Missionary Society has lost a good friend. There was no note of discouragement in Mrs. Bush's report. New work had been undertaken. A Deaconess Home had been opened at St. Paul, Minn., and the first Deaconess Conference of the Bureau had been held in Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Bancroft, in giving her report as General Superintendent and Field Secretary, said that she had visited all Homes east of Denver and Wichita, except Portland, Me., and found the work flourishing everywhere, but she had been met with the cry of the need of more workers and she asked "where are the educated young women who ought to respond?" Miss Bancroft had also visited Porto Rico and found that it was impossible for a person to live on deaconess salary there and so the

work must be done along missionary lines instead of Deaconess'. She reported the death of three Deaconesses during the year. A special effort is to be made to increase the "Permanent Deaconess Fund."

These reports were all accepted (See Reports), after which Mrs. McMillen, of Fort Des Moines, Miss Benedict, of Kansas City, Miss Morton, of Sioux City, and Miss Joiner, of St. Louis, gave interesting and pathetic incidents of their work as Deaconesses.

Miss Josephine Corbin spoke enthusiastically of Bancroft Rest Home at Ocean Grove, and pleaded for money to pay off the indebtedness of $2,400. Mrs. Fisk, our President, also paid a tribute to this Home.

Mrs. M. C. Bliss spoke of the "Aim and Opportunity of Conference Training-school Managers," and made an earnest appeal for more deaconesses.

Mrs. Robinson urged the necessity of being on the lookout for new workers, and requested all Conference Managers to speak of this in their addresses. She said their aim should be to secure every year at least one candidate and $100.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, then resumed the chair. The Rev. W. W. Van Orsdell, D. D., Superintendent of Missions in Montana, and Judge Spurlock, of York, Neb., were introduced to the Convention.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Gallagher and the meeting adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING.

MRS. ROBINSON, First Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7.45, announcing the hymn "Watchman, tell us of the night." Miss Benedict, Deaconess of Salina, Kas., read the Scripture lesson, and Miss Morton, Deaconess of Sioux City, Iowa, led in prayer. Greetings from the Deaconess Convention, in session at Cincinnati, were read by Miss Bancroft, and the Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, was requested to respond.

The minutes of the previous session were presented by Mrs. D. D. Thompson and adopted.

Mrs. Robinson, in speaking to her subject—"The Ideal at Which We Aim in Our National Training-schools"—said that the Woman's Home Missionary Society now had three National Training-schools: One at Washington, D. C., one at Kansas City, and one at San Francisco. The aim of these Training-schools was to furnish Missionaries and Deaconesses for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. There are also three Conference Training-schools, one at Brooklyn, one at Grand Rapids, and one at Des Moines; and these furnished workers in our Conferences. Mrs. Robinson said that sixteen years ago she had visited Washington for the purpose of establishing a National Training-school. This had been accomplished at the cost of $227,000. This includes Rust Hall and

Sibley Hospital. The Kansas City Training-school is valued at $75,000, and that at San Francisco at $32,000.

Dr. Gallagher, President of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school, in speaking of his work, said the aim of this institution was to cultivate "body, mind, and soul," and for this purpose a course in "Physical Culture" was provided for the body, an intellectual course consisting of five methods, for the mind; and, for the soul, every means was used to bring the student nearer Christ, and Christ nearer the student. Also an effort was made to deepen in the workers a sense of their responsibility to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The result of the work so far has been one hundred graduates in the Bible Department, most of whom are workers in the Society. The greatest need is for young women who want to be deaconesses and for money to provide scholarships. Dr. Gallagher gave a cordial invitation for all to visit the Training-school.

After a beautiful solo by Mrs. Johnson, Miss Elliott reported for the Kansas City Training-school. This building is now furnished throughout with the exception of one room, which is used as a gymnasium. Thirty-one students are registered at present, with the expectation of having forty or fifty. The Faculty includes most of the pastors of the city, and although very busy they were glad to render all help in their power. Particular attention was called to the assistance given by the Rev. M. S. Hughes, D. D., and the Rev. C. B. Spencer, D. D. Miss Elliott said that at the Indianapolis Convention one year ago, the workers in this Home had pledged twenty dollars for the Silver Offering, and she was delighted to report that instead of the twenty dollars, forty-two dollars was the amount in their self-denial boxes.

Dr. E. R. Willis, in reporting for the San Francisco Training-school, said that his visit to this Convention meant as much to him as did the "Burning Bush" to Moses, and that the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was the "breaking of the alabaster jar" in the twentieth century—pouring out of woman's love to the unfortunate and unsaved."

Dr. Willis gave a vivid description of the desolation caused by earthquake and fire in San Francisco, and related some pathetic incidents. He told in a realistic manner of how the fire raged on all sides of the Training-school, while the deaconesses were praying inside that the building might be spared, and when their prayers were answered and the fire was stayed, the workers sang songs of victory. He said all the seniors with the exception of one had returned to the school and there was a promising junior class, and closed with an appeal for all to rally around the "Flag of the Golden Gate."

The choir of the colored Methodist Episcopal Church then sang a beautiful anthem, "When Love shines in," after which Dr. Willis pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until Monday, 9.30 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING.

THE excursion to York, Neb., to visit the Mother's Jewels Home was one of rare opportunity and enjoyment to more than one hundred and fifty friends of this prosperous institution, under the faithful and judicious administration of Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Spurlock, the Superintendents. The beautiful city of York was *en fete* with flags and bunting, the citizens vieing with one another to accord a welcome as broad as the prairies to the representatives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Addresses of welcome were delivered in the City Hall by Governor Mickey, the Mayor, and the President of the Business Men's Club, the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Judge Spurlock, representing his father and mother, whose absence and illness touched a chord of sympathetic sadness within the hearts of all present. The hospitality of the ladies of York provided a substantial and refeshing dinner, and the visit to the farm and Mother's Jewels Home was a memorable one.

SUNDAY MORNING.

AT ten o'clock the Rev. I. Frank Roach, pastor, delivered the Anniversary sermon of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in St. Paul church, choosing for his theme "Citizenship in the Kingdom of Christ."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

A GRAND rally of the children was held in St. Paul Church under the direction of Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Secretary of Home Guards and Mother's Jewels, which proved a most inspiring occasion.

At University Place, Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Secretary of the Young Women's Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles, held a Royal Feast for the Queen Esther Circles, at which Miss Carrie Barge and others delivered addresses of general interest.

SUNDAY EVENING.

IN the Convention Church the Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk presiding. "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung and prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. I. Frank Roach, after reading a part of the first chapter of the Epistle of James.

The quartette choir sang "I 'm a pilgrim and I 'm a stranger."

Mrs. Fisk announced the sad intelligence of the death, after a long illness, of Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, Associate Superintendent of the Mother's Jewels Home at York, Neb., and that suitable action would be taken at the business sessions of the Convention to express the sense of loss to the Society of this beloved and faithful worker and the sympathy felt for the bereaved family circle. (See Report of Committee on Resolutions.)

The Anniversary address was delivered by Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, of Detroit, Mich. With a soul enlightened vision, she portrayed the scope of Home Missionary effort in hastening the coming of the Kingdom of Christ by sending out from our schools thousands of trained women and girls who are living exponents of His grace. "We are still in the morning of modern Christian philanthropy," said Miss Bancroft. "Let us hasten its advance. Let us study our own land, let every effort beneath her sacred skies be for the lifting up of some brother or sister who but for us would fare ill. Let us strive to hold our Nation to a consecration for righteousness. Then will this Nation with her millions of untrammelled souls lead the kingdom of this earth as in a mighty stream Godward."

MONDAY MORNING.

THE President Mrs. Fisk, took the chair at 9.30. Mrs. W. H. Peck of Central New York Conference, announced the hymn "He leadeth me, O blessed thought," read part of the 130th Psalm, and led in a prayer of thankfulness.

The announcement being made that Mrs. B. N. Taylor had been called home by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Roach offered earnest prayer for sustaining grace for our sister on her journey home and for the recovery of the daughter.

One stanza of "How firm a foundation" was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. D. D. Thompson and adopted.

Mrs. Fisk named the Committee to attend the funeral of Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, and Mrs. J. P. Negus, and they were instructed to secure a suitable floral offering as a token of sympathy from this body.

Mrs. J. W. Bush, of Kansas City, reported that the flowers and telegram sent from the Society for the funeral obsequies of Mr. Schoelkopf were very gratefully received.

The report of the Committee on Credentials and Enrollment was submitted by Mrs. W. T. Brown, Chairman, and accepted, showing that the representation included four General Officers, one Vice-President, two Honorary Vice-Presidents, nine Managers, two Associate Managers, sixteen Bureau Secretaries, three Chairmen of Standing Committees on

Homes, three Chairmen of Standing Committees, two Editors, one Publisher, six General Organizers, three Reserve Organizers, sixty-three Conferences, forty-three Conference Corresponding Secretaries, forty-four Delegates, ten Deaconess Delegates, twenty Visiting Delegates from Young People's Work, four Deaconesses, five Missionaries, ninety-nine visitors.

ENROLLMENT.

General Officers.—Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson.

Vice-President.—Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson.

Honorary Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Angie F. Newman, Mrs. M. S. McGuffin.

Managers.—Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, Mrs. E. I. Albright, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. Wm. M. Ampt, Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Mrs. P. D. Perchment, Mrs. O. P. McCarty.

Associate Managers.—Mrs. J. P. Negus, Mrs. W. T. Brown.

Bureau Secretaries.—Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Mrs. Irving French, Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, Mrs. B. S. Potter, Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Miss Sarah M. DeLine, Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. F. D. Bovard, Mrs. A. M. Whitson, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Miss Katherine Bassett, Mrs. J. W. Bush, Miss Alice M. Guernsey.

Chairman of Standing Committees on Homes.—Mrs. Anna H. Woodcock, Mrs. E. M. Foster, Mrs. F. W. Emerson.

Chairman of Standing Committees.—Mrs. P. C. Wilson, Mrs. I. C. McDowell, Mrs. M. C. Hickman.

Editor Home Missions and Children's Home Missions.—Miss Martha Van Marter.

Publisher.—Miss Mary Belle Evans.

Editor Annual Report.—Miss F. A. Fish.

General Organizers.—Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Mrs. N. W. Bass, Miss Josephine Corbin, Miss Mary A. Mahon, Miss Nellie Snider, Mrs. M. Libby Allen.

Reserve Organizers.—Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss, Mrs. Anna D. Elder, Mrs. Anna M. Onstott.

CONFERENCES:

Alabama.—Mrs. Anna D. Elder.*

Atlanta.—Miss Flora Mitchell.*

Baltimore.—Mrs. C. L. Roach,* Miss Maggie Addison,† Miss Ethel E. Stevens.§

California.—Bishop J. W. Hamilton, Rev. E. R. Willis, D. D.,‡ Miss Lydia Rouls, Miss Dora Jayne, missionaries.

*The names of Corresponding Secretaries of Conferences are noted by an asterisk; the names of delegates by a dagger; delegates from Industrial or Deaconess Homes by a double dagger; visiting delegates by a section.

CONFERENCES:

Central Illinois.—Mrs. L. M. Eastman,* Miss Ella G. Taylor,† Mrs. Richard Crews,§ Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, visitors.

Central Missouri.—Miss Eliza Watkins,† Miss Martha Joiner, Deaconess.

Central New York.—Mrs. W. H. Peck,* Mrs. J. D. Phelps.†

Central Ohio.—Mrs. D. M. Bailey,* Mrs. D. Bowers.†

Central Pennsylvania.—Mrs. A. M. Clees.*

Cincinnati.—Mrs. Chas. F. Thirkield,* Mrs. Jno. Chas. Doods,† Miss Grace M. Rathborne, Treasurer's Assistant.

Colorado.—Mrs. H. E. Warner,* Mrs. A. C. Peck,† Mrs. Anna S. Woodside,§ Mrs. D. K. Lee, Mrs. T. R. Murphey, Mrs. F. L. Green, Mrs. W. O. Vanacke, Mrs. S. B. Warner, Miss May Holmes, visitors.

Des Moines.—Mrs. A. E. Griffith,* Mrs. C. C. Crowell,† Mrs. S. A. Sammons,§ Miss Lulu McMillen,‡ Mrs. John Haisch, Miss Grace Griffith, Mrs. W. C. Elliott, visitors.

Detroit.—Mrs. W. W. Robinson,* Mrs. C. H. Baird,† Miss May Howland.§

East Ohio.—Mrs. M. H. Nason,* Mrs. Elizabeth Miller,† Mrs. J. F. Mund.‡

Erie.—Mrs. Anna M. Popino.*

Genesee.—Mrs. H. R. Williamson,* Mrs. B. N. Taylor.†

Illinois.—Mrs. S. A. Bullard,* Mrs. E. J. Strader,† Mrs. D. P. Moore, Mrs. F. S. Westall, visitors.

Indiana.—Mrs. F. A. Hendricks,* Mrs. M. B. Hyde,† Miss Cora P. Hitchcock, visitor.

Iowa.—Mrs. C. R. Williams,† Mrs. Alice O'Connor,‡ Mrs. W. Bloom, Mrs. P. M. Musser, Mrs. L. A. Peasley, Mrs. S. A. Sammars, visitors.

Kansas.—Mrs. Carrie Cope,* Mrs. E. L. Kurtman,† Miss Bertha Elliott,§ Rev. J. F. Steves, Missionary.

Lexington.—Mrs. J. W. Robinson,† Mrs. M. B. C. Mason, visitor.

Little Rock.—Mrs. G. N. Johnson,* Miss Elizabeth Saxton,† Mrs. Hilda M. Nasmyth.‡

Maine.—Mrs. Anna M. Onstott,* Mrs. B. C. Wentworth,† Mrs. E. C. Chase,‡ Miss Almira Dean.§

Michigan.—Mrs. Levi Master,* Mrs. F. L. Wintermute.†

Missouri.—Mrs. M. F. Pierce, visitor.

Minnesota.—Mrs. W. O. Hillman,* Mrs. R. P. Cameron,† Mrs. G. F. Jennings.§ Mrs. John Grove,‡ Mrs. G. N. Hillman, visitor.

Montana.—Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel, visitor.

Nebraska.—Mrs. Leslie Stevens,* Mrs. Lydia K. Andrew,† Mr. Burwell Spurlock,‡ Mrs. C. G. Cone,§ Mrs. S. E. Miller, Mrs. H. M. Pendleton, Mrs. L. E. Meadville, Mrs. I. E. Allen, Mrs. T. W. Bain, Mrs. L. G. Parker, Mrs. D. W. Parker, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fiegenbaum, Mrs. M. E. Donahoo, Rev. A. E. Chadwick, Mrs. N. E. Perry, Mrs. M. E. Lobb, Mrs. M. J. Collins, Mrs. J. Petermichel, Mrs. B. F. West, Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, Rev. L. Morrison, Mrs. M. C. Morrison, Mrs. B. F. Farley, Miss Grace E.

CONFERENCES:

Lenfest, Mrs. Duke Slavins, Mrs. Richard Pearson, Mrs. F. C. Woodruff, Rev. and Mrs. Irwin C. Lemon, Mrs. C. M. Shepherd, Mr. W. W. McGuire, Mrs. Jennie F. Haward, Mrs. Rachel Hyde, Mrs. B. W. Marsh, Miss Elizabeth Hassett, Mrs. D. S. Davis, Mrs. E. Coleman, Mrs. J. I. Davis, Mrs. J. E. McLean, visitors.

Newark.—Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward,* Mrs. C. E. Coffin,† Miss Effie Ham.§

New England.—Mrs. C. A. Jacobs.†

New England Southern.—Mrs. Eben Turell.†

New Jersey.—Mrs. S. J. Turner,† Mrs. M. S. Northrup.§

New York.—Mrs. Charles F. Fraim.*

New York East.—Mrs. Lilly Slack,* Mrs. C. A. Green.†

North Dakota.—Mrs. A. G. Leonard.†

North Indiana.—Mrs. W. R. Wones,† Miss Cora Hitchcock.§

North Nebraska.—Mrs. J. P. Yost,* Mrs. E. J. Crews,† Mrs. G. W. Briggs, Mrs. C. E. Hobbs, Mrs. E. E. Hosman, Mrs. A. G. Kuhl, Mrs. W. H. Underwood, Mrs. E. G. Chin, Mrs. R. J. McKenzie, Mrs. S. F. Kierstead, Mrs. E. E. J. Paton, Mrs. Mary C. Priest, Mrs. E. F. George, Mrs. Jas. Hodge, Mrs. M. D. Cameron, Mrs. D. R. Ennis, Mrs. David Cole, Mrs. O. D. Butler, Mrs. J. B. Leedom, Miss Ellen M. Austin, Mrs. H. A. Burrill, Mrs. C. Champlin, Mrs. A. C. Campbell, Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, Mrs. G. M. Murphey, Mrs. D. A. Foote, Mrs. J. J. Lanktree, Mrs. H. L. Hawver, visitors.

North Ohio.—Mrs. M. W. Reece.*

Northern Minnesota.—Mrs. H. A. Weeks,* Mrs. L. G. Chase,† Mrs. S. B. Eddy.§

Northern New York.—Mrs. Warren Mann.*

Northwest Indiana.—Mrs. D. M. Wood.*

Northwest Iowa.—Miss Susie Morton,‡ Miss Dolliver, visitor.

Northwest Kansas.—Miss Addie Benedict.†

Ohio.—Mrs. E. W. Seeds,* Mrs. F. A. Sells,† Miss Ella Ely, visitor.

Oklahoma.—Miss Kate Leebrick, Missionary.

Oregon.—Mrs. Osmond Royal.*

Philadelphia.—Mrs. D. Dailey, Jr.,† Mrs. K. S. Burnett,‡ Mrs. M. A. Taylor,§ Mrs. C. B. M. Sprowles, visitor.

Pittsburg.—Mrs. E. H. Utley,* Miss Sarah Metcalf.†

Puget Sound.—Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary Young People's Work.

Rock River.—Mrs. M. A. Lavender,* Mrs. Ella B. Dolliver,† Mrs. F. L. Day,§ Mrs. P. Dimond, Mrs. T. C. Warrington, Missionary.

St. Louis.—Mrs. C. B. Spencer,* Mrs. J. E. Chambers,† Mrs. G. P. Pipkin,§ Mrs. E. A. House, Mrs. M. M. Harbaugh, Miss Nellie R. Foster, visitors; Miss Bertha Elliott, Miss Flora Jacobs, Miss Minnie Pike, Deaconesses.

South Kansas.—Miss Mary A. Smith,* Mrs. L. Fischer,† Mrs. Homer E. Cullison.§

CONFERENCES:

Southern California.—Mrs. P. H. Bodkin,* Miss Edith M. Housh.†

Southern Illinois.—Mrs. P. D. Moore,* Mrs. H. C. Mitchell,† Mrs. F. S. Westall,§ Mrs. J. F. Daniel, visitor.

Southwest Kansas.—Mrs. Nettie Tedrick,* Mrs. E. A. Hoyt,† Mrs. Fannie Lynch,§ Miss Lydia N. Herrick, Deaconess.

Troy.—Mrs. A. M. Hodge, visitor.

Upper Iowa.—Mrs. Ella G. Phillips,* Mrs. Faith Stuntz Boardman,† Miss Grace Richardson.§

Washington.—Mrs. Alice O'Connor, Mrs. Cyula DeLine, visitors.

West Nebraska.—Mrs. Louisa E. Collins.†

West Texas.—Mrs. E. G. Spriggs.*

West Wisconsin.—Mrs. M. Benson,* Mrs. I. D. Wiltrout,† Mrs. S. E. Enos, visitor.

Wisconsin.—Mrs. A. J. Benjamin,* Mrs. John Taylor, visitor.

Wyoming.—Mrs. D. S. Rhone.†

A communication was received from the Nebraska State University asking that a lady be sent as speaker for the Convocation on Tuesday morning, and the appointment of a speaker was referred to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Williams.

At eleven o'clock the President vacated the chair in favor of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, First Vice-President, who conducted the election.

After the singing of the hymn "A charge to keep I have," prayer for divine guidance in the choice of our officers was offered by Miss Sarah M. DeLine.

Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward was elected head teller and announced the persons entitled to vote as stated in Section five, Article III, of the Constitution.

The followinng ladies were authorized to act as tellers during the election: Mrs. E. H. Utley, Pittsburg, and Mrs. S. J. Turner, New Jersey Conferences; Mrs. Charles E. Coffin, Newark, and Mrs. F. A. Sells, Ohio Conferences; Mrs. Lilly Leonard Slack, New York East, and Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, Southern California Conferences; Miss Ella Taylor, Central Illinois, and Mrs. J. W. Bush, St. Louis Conferences; Mrs. C. E. Cope, Kansas, and Mrs. W. W. Robinson, Detroit Conferences; Mrs. C. B. Spencer, St. Louis, and Mrs. A. C. Peck, Colorado Conferences; Mrs. H. R. Williamson, Genesee, and Mrs. Leslie Stevens, Nebraska Conferences.

The following, offered by Mrs. C. A. Green, was adopted:

Resolved, That whenever the Chairman of Tellers is ready the business cease, the report be heard and the next ballot taken; also that no interruption, other than the regular business, be considered during the elections.

Mrs. Nettie Tedrick, in order to facilitate the election, moved, That if upon the nominating ballot a member receive a majority of all ballots for any office she be declared elected to that office, and the motion prevailed.

The ballot for the nomination of President was ordered. The ballot for the nomination of Corresponding Secretary was also ordered.

The ballot for the nomination of President was reported by Mrs. Woodward as follows: Total number of votes cast, 138; Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, 115; Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, 21; scattering, 2. Mrs. Fisk was declared elected President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the ensuing year, and being escorted to the platform by Mrs. Anna M. Onstott, of Maine, and Miss Edith M. Hough, of California, was loyally greeted by the Convention. Mrs. Fisk thanked the ladies and spoke of the sense of nearness to them which she always felt at the noon hour when she believed them to be remembering her in prayer.

The ballot for the nomination of Corresponding Secretary was reported as follows by Mrs. Woodward. Total number of votes cast, 137; Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, 134; scattering 3. Mrs. Williams was declared elected, and being presented to the Convention by Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, said that while it was a great honor to be the Corresponding Secretary of such a body it was also a great responsibility, more than she would be able to assume without the assurance of their sympathy and prayers.

The ballot for the nomination of Recording Secretary was ordered.

The ballot for Recording Secretary was reported as follows by Mrs. Woodward: Total number of votes cast, 131; Mrs. F. A. Aiken, 131.

Mrs. Aiken was declared elected, and being conducted to the platform by Mrs. Levi Master and Mrs. J. P. Negus, thanked the ladies for their favor and confidence, and her Heavenly Father for this opportunity for service.

The ballot for the nomination of Treasurer was ordered.

The report of the West Texas Conference was given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, and accepted. (See Report.)

The tellers reported through Mrs. Woodward the ballot for nomination of Treasurer as follows: Total number of votes cast, 136; Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, 131; scattering, 4. Mrs. Thompson was declared elected. In being presented by Mrs. M. Lavender, Mrs. Thompson thanked the ladies for their kindness, but reminded them that even with her best effort, she would be able to report only that which she received from them.

The ballot for the nomination of First Vice-President was ordered.

The ballot for the nomination of Second Vice-President was ordered.

Mrs. Nettie Tedrick, Corresponding Secretary, gave the report of the Southwest Kansas Conference, which was accepted. (See Report.)

The ballot for nomination of Third Vice-President was ordered.

The ballot for nomination of First Vice-President was reported by

Mrs. Woodward as follows: Total number of votes cast, 134; Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, 123; scattering, 11. Mrs. Robinson was declared elected.

Mrs. Fisk presented Mrs. Robinson, who said she would let her acts take the place of words.

On motion of Mrs. Woodruff, the ballot for other Vice-Presidents was deferred until the previous ballots should be reported.

Mrs. Clara Roach moved that a ballot be cast for the nomination of twelve Managers, and, after discussion, it was ordered.

Mrs. Woodward reported the ballot for Second Vice-President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 131; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, 90; Mrs. William Christie Herron, 30; scattering, 11.

Mrs. McCabe was declared elected.

The ballot for nomination of Associate Managers was ordered.

The ballot for nomination of Fourth Vice-President was ordered.

The tellers reported through Mrs. Woodward the ballot for nomination of Third Vice-President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 131; Mrs. William Christie Herron, 93; scattering, 38. Mrs. Herron was declared elected.

The ballot for the nomination of Fifth Vice-President was ordered.

Mrs. Robinson vacated the chair in favor of the President, Mrs. Fisk, who was warmly greeted.

On motion of Mrs. I. D. Jones, a vote of thanks was given Mrs. Robinson, and appreciative recognition made of the services of Mrs. Woodward and her assistants for the unprecedented dispatch used in facilitating the elections.

Dr. C. W. Gallagher offered prayer, and the meeting adjourned until 2 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair and Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff in charge of the devotions. Hymn 51 was sung, and the Convention joined Mrs. Woodruff in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright and adopted.

The reading of the report of the Committee on Temperance, Mrs. J. C. McDowell, Chairman, was waived and its interesting matter referred for publication (See Report), and the time given to Mr. Thomas Darnell, an attorney of Lincoln, to speak upon the general question. Mr. Darnell said that in the practice of his profession he was compelled to see the tears and hear the groans coming from the liquor traffic, but he was addressing a power which can force this awful tyrant to relinquish his hold. The Church is being aroused and the speaker said "we need

hope, long armed hope, that reaches up and touches the throne of God. My faith never wavers that God will at no distant day strike the hour that shall seal the doom of the liquor traffic. Nine-tenths of the work of this Society would not be needed were it not for this business; many had perished in order that nations might learn the liberty of life and the liberty of loving. This is the great wrong of the centuries." He protested against it in the name of the Church, of the country and of God.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. Onstott, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Department of Temperance was established at the last Annual Meeting, with Mrs. J. C. McDowell as Chairman, who generously contributed the sum of $500 for the introduction of this work and promised a like sum for the present year; therefore,

Resolved, That we make an appropriation of $500 to cover this gift.

Mrs. Fisk, our President, stated that she had seen Mrs. McDowell, Chairman of the Temperance Committee, just as she was about to take the train to attend the International Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, at Boston, and sent by her the greetings of this body. Her action was ratified.

Mrs. M. C. Hickman offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mrs. J. C. McDowell and Mrs. D. L. Williams be elected representatives to the next National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in St. Louis in November.

Fraternal greetings on behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Nebraska were presented by Miss Mamie M. Claflin. Four thousand white ribboners of Nebraska had watched with interest the coming of this Convention to this city. They rejoiced at the organization of a distinctive temperance department of work in our Society. Miss Claflin said: "Within a decade, unless all signs fail, Nebraska will bid farewell to the saloon power." All hearts responded, "May God hasten the day." Affectionate reference was made to the great interest and unwavering endeavor of Mrs. Spurlock along these lines, showing that sadly she will be missed in every good work.

The ballot for the Fourth Vice-President was announced: Number of votes cast, 120; Mrs. J. M. Walden, 74; Mrs. E. L. Albright, 15; scattering, 31. Mrs. J. M. Walden was declared elected.

The ballot for the Fifth Vice-President was announced as follows: Total number of votes cast, 136; Mrs. C. H. Fowler, 82; scattering, 34. Mrs. Fowler was declared elected.

The report of the ballot for Managers is indicated on page 2 of the Annual Report; also the ballot for Associate Managers.

Mrs. P. C. Wilson, General Secretary of Literature, having arrived, presented a report which was listened to with interest, and on motion, accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Alaska was called, and Mrs. Aiken responded that no one regretted the absence of Mrs. R. H. Young, Secretary, more than did she, but she had been unavoidably detained and needed our sympathy in her disappointment. Mrs. Aiken said that the energy and wisdom of Mrs. Young in the management of her Bureau had won for this work remarkable success, and then presented the report for Mrs. Young, also interesting extracts from letters of her missionaries.

Miss Barnett, missionary in Jesse Lee Home, gave an interesting account of the Home. There were from thirty-eight to forty-two children in the Home all the time. These children have a little white as well as Esquimo and Aleut blood in their veins. They are bright and attractive and as interesting as any children she had ever taught. Too high a tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Newhall could not be paid. They are devoted and painstaking beyond what could be reasonably expected. The hospital building was doing good service. The children are as susceptible to religious training as the average child anywhere.

Mrs. Fisk referred tenderly to Mrs. Beiler, the former Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, whose life went out in service for this field.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendations referred to the Board of Trustees. (See Report.)

Mrs. Ralph Jones pleased the Convention by singing the beautiful solo "He was bruised for our transgressions."

"Work for the Immigrant" was reported by the Secretary of the Bureau, Mrs. C. W. Bickley, who stated that immigration is on the increase. During the year ending July 30, 1906, the number reached the alarming total of 1,100,738. This vast new population increases the responsibility of every Christian citizen in proportion to Americanize and Christianize those who are thus providentially placed within our gates.

Mrs. Fisk said no one commands greater respect than does Miss Mathews, our missionary on Ellis Island, in her wonderful work. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Carrie Barge was introduced to speak for two minutes upon "The Incoming Millions." Miss Barge said the most vital problem we have to face is the thousands who are landing upon our shores from foreign lands. There are many wrongs relating to these people that should be righted, wrongs on the way and wrongs after they reach here. Public sentiment should be aroused on this question. We have seen what this can do in life insurance investigation and packing-house conditions, but in order that effective measures may be taken, we must have information. We have a text book "Aliens or Americans," also "Incoming Millions," which should be in the hands of every woman and Queen Esther girl before the Convention adjourns, which will give the needed information; also "Coming Americans," published for the children.

The delightful service of the "Silver Anniversary Roll Call" by the Corresponding Secretary having arrived, Mrs. Williams spoke earnest

words, emphasizing the obligation assumed to cancel all indebtedness on our property, and holding a large package of letters in her hand, read extracts from some of them pleading for help which could not be given until our Silver Offering shall have been received. In accumulating over $1,500,000 of property for which this debt has been made, many of those who inaugurated this Society and helped to bring it to its present enviable position among the benevolences of the Church have actually given their lives. This money is our inheritance, the inheritance of every new member of this Society. Mrs. Williams spoke of the beautiful silk American flags which were given out last year to every Conference that had paid its pledge or repledged to pay the apportionment, and said she would first ask if all flags were here that were given out last year.

It was decided that those who pledge to pay the full amount be given a flag, and that those who have exceeded their pledges be awarded an additional honor in the shape of red, white, and blue streamers tied to the flagstaff.

The scene was a most inspiring one as representatives from the various Conferences came to the front in response to roll call, reported work done and were awarded flags or streamers, which were waved in token of victory.

The following Conferences had met their apportionments on a basis of $2.50 per member: Atlanta, New Hampshire, North Ohio, Savannah, South Kansas, Texas, Wilmington.

Paid more than their apportionment: Alabama, Central Illinois, Central Missouri, Detroit, Holston, Kentucky, Southern California, Southwest Kansas.

Pledged to pay balance of apportionment as they do all obligations: Central Ohio, Cincinnati, Colorado, Des Moines, East Ohio, Erie, Genesee, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Newark, New England, New England Southern, New Jersey, New York, New York East, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana, Northwest Iowa, Ohio, Oregon, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Puget Sound, Troy, Upper Iowa.

Promised to do the best they can to secure the remainder of the apportionment: Baltimore, California, Central New York, Central Pennsylvania, Kansas, Little Rock, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, North Nebraska, Northern Minnesota, Rock River, St. Louis, Southern Illinois, West Nebraska, West Texas, West Wisconsin, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

No quaver of doubt that this Silver Offering would be fully realized was heard in the voice of our Corresponding Secretary.

The President assured the Convention of her faith in the Conferences that each one would meet its obligations in this matter.

Mrs. I. D. Jones said: "Our hearts are full of thanksgiving that such a large number of our Conferences have reclaimed their Silver Offering pledges. Other Conferences have asked us to remember them in prayer

that they may meet their pledges. Xenophon in his Anabasis tells of the retreat of the Ten Thousand, but we are thankful that the eighty-seven thousand members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society have no thought of retreat. Therefore,

"Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to pray earnestly for the Conferences that have not met their apportionment, that their faith may not waver nor their efforts cease until every cent of their Silver Offering be raised."

On motion adopted.

After singing the Doxology, and benediction by Rev. Roach, the session adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

MONDAY EVENING.

AT 7.30 the President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair and all united with Dr. Roach in repeating the twenty-third Psalm. Mrs. Fisk requested that her favorite hymn be sung and the large audience sang with feeling four verses of "Forever here my rest shall be," after which Miss Van Marter led in prayer.

A choir composed of sixty young people from St. Paul Church, rendered in a most delightful manner the "Hallelujah Chorus." Round after round of applause greeted the rendition of this beautiful and favorite selection.

Mrs. Aiken asked that the regular order of exercises be suspended for a few minutes, and that Mrs. S. E. Miller, President of the Nebraska Conference, be invited to the platform. Mrs. Miller then came forward bearing in her arms a large bunch of beautiful roses, and in a most touching manner presented them on behalf of the Nebraska Conference, Woman's Home Missionary Society, to our honored President, Mrs. Fisk, who accepted them with apparent pleasure, and responded in a few gracious words.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter and adopted.

In the absence of Mrs. D. B. Street, Chairman of the Committee of Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C., Dr. Gallagher gave a brief review of the work done at the Hospital. He said: "Sibley Hospital was one of the few hospitals supported by Methodism and represented the spirit and life of Christian service. All the officers and nurses do the work for 'love of Christ and in His Name.' In the six years since its organization it had given itself to relieve the sick and suffering and had been remarkable in its growth. Four years ago the number of patients reported for fourteen months had been 606. Last July the number reported for the closing year had been 1,135. Four years ago the income had been $8,000. Last year over $26,000 had been received. Six years ago when Mr. Sibley had given the Hospital as a memorial for his wife

it was accommodated in a small house, which had been enlarged at the end of two years to twice the original size and now the present commodious building was full to overflowing, not an empty bed or room could be found and people were continually being turned away. In the month of September twenty-five persons awaited their turn. In connection with this Hospital was the first training-school where forty-nine or fifty young women, all members of the Church, were fitting themselves for work in the Woman's Home Missionary Society. In the past year two hundred poor people had been treated at a cost of about $5,000, so that the Woman's Home Missionary Society might consider that it had given to charity fully $6,500." Dr. Gallagher said that from the Director of the Hospital to the least of the workers all had shown a tender, loving Christian spirit, and he would never cease to sing the praises of Sibley Hospital.

Graham Protestant Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa, was represented by its General Superintendent, Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy said that the establishment of hospitals was a sign of Christian progress, and that the art of healing the body had been brought into the world by Christ and His disciples. The Gospel, she said, was not for sin-sick souls alone, but for sick bodies as well, and the physician as well as the bishop was needed.

The Roman Catholic Church, Mrs. Murphy said, was the first Church to recognize the importance and need of the hospital, and to-day there are in America 1,000 Roman Catholic Hospitals and 7,500 Sisters of Charity. The first Hospital of the Methodist Episcopal Church was opened in January, 1876, and now there are thirty, which in the last year accommodated 45,000 patients. Graham Hospital was opened five years ago, and Mrs. Murphy declared that the past year had been the best in its history. While entirely self-supporting it does a great deal of charity work. In the past year in the city of Keokuk, a Woman's Guild has been organized with one hundred and thirty-two members, and this Guild has already furnished one room in the hospital and one in the nurse's home. All the workers in Graham Hospital are faithful and consecrated, and if more room could be provided more nurses are needed, and for this reason a new building is very much needed. Five thousand dollars will endow a bed in perpetuity, and these are much desired. During the past year 228 patients have been treated. There are thirty-five patronizing physicians. The receipts for the year have been $7,145.30 and disbursements $7,013.13.

Mr. W. D. Dorsey then rendered in an able manner a cornet solo.

Mrs. P. H. Bodkin in reporting for the Los Angeles Hospital, said that the greatest need of Methodism in Southern California is a hospital and the people are looking forward with longing eyes to the time when that need can be provided for. The building formerly occupied by the Spanish Industrial Home is now used as a Hospital and one hundred

patients have been cared for the past year, one-half of whom have been charity patients, the other half were received at reduced rates. Ground has been purchased and Mrs. Bodkin hoped that next time this work was reported in Convention, that Methodism would have a one hundred thousand dollar hospital in Southern California.

Mrs. C. A. Jacobs reported for Boston Medical Mission under a new name, that of "Hull Street Settlement." The work is carried on under four departments. The Medical, Educational, Industrial, and Spiritual. In June, 1905, the City Missionary Society severed its connection with the Hull Street Work, and the workers in the Medical Mission realizing that there must be no break in the work among a population of nearly thirty thousand, mostly foreigners, assumed the whole work which had been previously done by two societies. (See Report.)

The report of the Colorado Springs Sanitarium was offered by Mrs. A. C. Peck, of Denver. This institution is the only Protestant Hospital in the community, and after a rather precarious existence of a few years has now the confidence of the people. The property is valued at fifteen thousand dollars. An excellent local Board works in connection with the National Committee. There are about thirty beds and 173 patients have been treated during the year. There are eight nurses in training. Tents are needed for the use of patients, and can be provided at the cost of eighty-five dollars. (See Report.)

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff reported that the "Outlook for the children of Porto Rico" was bright. The public schools and mission schools are scattered over the island and their influence is being felt.

Mrs. Woodruff used but a few moments of her time desiring to give the remainder to Dr. B. S. Haywood, Superintendent of Missions in Porto Rico.

Dr. Haywood said he was most happy to find in the audience a San Juan girl, a mixture of Nebraska, Iowa, and Porto Rico, and in response to his desire, Miss Harriet Cook sang in a most pleasing manner "Come unto Me and I will give you rest."

In speaking of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Porto Rico, Dr. Haywood said it has been wonderfully blessed of God, and in the name of the Church was delighted to give honor to the Society. He considered the department of childhood, the work of establishing orphanages and schools as the most important of any in the Society. He related the legend of the "Dipper" saying it was the symbol of unselfishness, and this was a characteristic of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. He thought that the first band of Mothers' Jewels, Home Guards, and Queen Esther Circles had been organized by Susannah Wesley among her nineteen children in the Epworth Rectory. Dr. Haywood related incidents and told of the work accomplished at the McKinley Day School and George O. Robinson Orphanage, and paid deserved tribute to Mr. Geo. O. Robinson. In speaking of the general work of the

Church, he said there are one hundred and twenty-five Methodist congregations and forty Sunday-schools, the result of six years' work in the island. There is most beautiful harmony between the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Parent Board, which he hoped would never be disturbed.

At the request of Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Woodruff sang "When the Roll is called up yonder," the audience joining in the chorus, after which Dr. Haywood pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until 9.30 Tuesday A. M.

TUESDAY MORNING.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fisk, at 9.30, with Mrs. John Chas. Dodd, delegate from Cincinnati Conference, in charge of the devotional service. Three stanzas of "Work for the night is coming" were sung, and Mrs. Dodd said the motto of the Cincinnati Conference is "They that do know this God shall be strong and do exploits." Dan. ii, 32.

Mrs. Dodd considered this a call to victory, and commended it to every women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. While listening to the daily proceedings, she was persuaded that in no other field of Christian work can be found greater activity, greater zeal, greater consecration, greater exploits, than in this great organization. In union with this thought she read the sixth chapter of Ephesians, from tenth to eighteenth verses, a selection fitted to inspire zealous workers to victory.

Mrs. Potter led in earnest prayer. The first and last verses of "Faith of our Fathers" were sung in conclusion.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. D. D. Thompson and adopted.

Mrs. Louisa E. Collins, President and Conference Organizer of the West Nebraska Conference, was presented and spoke of the work she had accomplished and of the helpfulness of the Society to her Conference, and its gift to the Church in the personality of the Rev. B. S. Haywood, Superintendent of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Porto Rico.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Williams, reported that Mrs. Robinson and Miss Bancroft had been chosen to visit the State University.

Mrs. S. A. Bullard, on motion of Mrs. Aiken, and Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, on motion of Mrs. Emerson, were added to this Committee.

Mrs. Williams presented to the Society on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett, a gavel as historic memento of the beginnings and triumphs of the Kingdom of God through the missionary work of Methodism. The head of this gavel was made by a member of our Church at Upper Sandusky, Ohio (Mr. Wm. Frazier, who is an uncle of Bishop

Wm. Frazier McDowell), from the Bible rest of the original pulpit of the Mission Church at Upper Sandusky, which marks the beginning of the organized missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this locality, especially to take care of the Indian.

The handle is the gift of Mrs. P. M. Buck, of India, made from a piece of ebony cane, carved by a native on Dr. Buck's district in India. Mrs. Williams expressed the thought that this symbol of work among the Indians in the home land and those in the foreign land represents the spirit of unity at home and abroad to inspire missionary workers to holy endeavor.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, accepted the gavel in appreciative words and passed it into the hands of Mrs. Williams for immediate use in the session of Finance Committee.

On motion, adjournment followed in favor of meeting of Committee on Finance.

When the Committee arose, Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison, General Secretary of Children's Work for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced by the President, Mrs. Fisk.

Mrs. Aiken was requested to send greetings to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to be held in Omaha.

Mrs. Fisk then called Mrs. W. M. Ampt, one of the charter members of the Board of Trustees, and Railroad Secretary, to the platform, and Mrs. I. D. Jones, on behalf of the Board of Managers, presented Mrs. Ampt with a large and beautiful cut glass pitcher and vase filled with American Beauty roses, saying, "All through the Bible we read how the people went up annually to Jerusalem to the Passover and other religious feasts and festivals. In these latter days we have our great missionary Conventions, among which the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society stands out prominently, but we find the people of old traveling toward Jerusalem upon horses, mules, and camels, and nowhere in the Bible do I find that they had a Secretary of Transportation, how they got along I am sure I do not know. In the days of steam and electric locomotive railway, a Secretary of Transportation is absolutely necessary, and we wish this morning to express to Mrs. Ampt our hearty thanks and appreciation of her untiring labors of the past twenty-five years and tell her that we love her. Why, if Mrs. Ampt were not so careful of our comfort and so faithful in her attention to every detail, I am not quite sure that our husbands would permit us to make these long journeys annually. Mrs. Ampt, permit me on behalf of every member of this large Convention to present you with this cut glass pitcher, which you must use each day and let it be a type of the water of life which the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been pouring out for the past

twenty-six years to the unsaved of our own land. Also accept this vase filled with the incense of our love. These American Beauties we feel we must also give you as a love token from the Heavenly Father, who has seen your meek and quiet spirit and who loves you with a divine love, and whispers "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, His children, you have done it unto Me."

Mrs. Ampt's face photographed the mental surprise and heartfelt appreciation of these tokens of love, which she accepted in fitting words.

Mrs. C. G. Cone, of University Place, sang "The bird with a broken wing" to the enjoyment of the Convention, which then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened with a tender memorial service for our beloved Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, of Mothers' Jewels Home. An organ voluntary, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was followed by the singing of the hymn "One sweetly solemn thought." Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. C. Peck, of Denver. Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, our President, read the 14th Chapter of St. John, and said, "May it be said of us when we are called away from our life here, we have entered into rest."

Many tributes were paid to the lovely character and unselfish devotion of our sister during the solemn time when her funeral services were being held in the Mothers' Jewels Home.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Aiken and adopted.

The Convention then adjourned for a meeting of the Committee on Finance.

The Finance Committee arose at a later hour with the remark of Mrs. Williams that the Committee had closed its pledges and that the work had been done expeditiously.

The Officers vacated the platform to make room for the large number of little people, who, with banners waving; marched to the music of drum beat and more than filled the platform. Tiny maids *en costume* represented Chinese, Japanese, Alaskan, Mexican, Esquimo, Indian, and Negro girls, and the happy children from Orphanages sang songs of loving work to familiar tunes, which captivated all hearts and developed a desire that this delightful exercise might be given throughout the country.

A motion by Mrs. Aiken that we give Miss Guernsey and her assistants the Chautauqua salute, was acted upon without a second.

Miss Guernsey, Secretary for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, reported that the Emergency Fund for San Francisco had reached a thousand dollars, and, on motion of Mrs. Roach, a vote of thanks was given in appreciation of the children's efforts.

Miss Guernsey awarded the Home Guard prize banner to Rock River Conference for a gain of 31 per cent in membership. Prize ribbons were awarded to the Rock River Conference for the largest number of Jewels, to Troy Conference for the greatest per cent of increase in the payment of dues, and to Minnesota Conference for the greatest per cent of increase in the amount of student aid money.

Announcements were made and with the singing of the Doxology the session adjourned until Wednesday, 9.30 A. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

GOVERNOR AND MRS. J. H. MICKEY tendered a delightful reception to the Convention delegates and friends in the Executive Mansion, which abides as a pleasant memory.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE session opened with the singing of "What a friend we have in Jesus," after which Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy read part of the 15th Chapter of John and led in prayer. The devotional service closed with the singing of "O, for a thousand tongues to sing."

The minutes of the previous session were presented by Mrs. Coffin and adopted.

Mrs. Utley offered the following resolution which was discussed, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That since the Ways and Means Committee and Bureau Secretaries have been of vital importance in solving the money problem to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, annual meetings be authorized.

The following motion, made by Mrs. D. Daily, Jr., was carried:

That the meeting of the Bureau Secretaries with the Ways and Means Committee be held two days previous to the Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Clees offered the following, which evoked much discussion:

Resolved, That after the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, the appropriations be sent to each Conference Secretary, so that they may be made acquainted with the needs of each Bureau, and that they be asked to forward their Conference pledges in time to appear on the printed form of appropriations, reserving an optional pledge to be used for special needs at the General Meeting.

Substitutes and amendments were offered by ladies Roach, Murphy, Potter, and MacGuffin, all of which were lost, as well as the original motion of Mrs. Clees.

Miss Bancroft presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, of which Mrs. D. L. Williams shall be Chairman; that Mrs. Williams select from the Committee on Ways and Means such members as she needs for the business in hand.

It shall be the business of this Committee to formulate plans for the more efficient and rapid statement of Conference appropriations for the various Bureaus of our work.

Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Secretary of the Bureau for Young People's work with greater joy than ever before stated that the work among the young people had had a constant, vigorous growth, there being now nearly 900 Circles, with 18,000 members, and that 200 of these members represented the growth of this past year. The amount of money raised by them was nearly $25,000. The original flag had been decorated with a new white ribbon, bearing in gold letters the name "Champion." This flag was awarded to the Young Women's Societies of East Ohio Conference for having raised the largest amount of money.

The new banner for the Circles raising the largest amount of money was awarded to Hamline Circle, of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Gallagher called to the platform the visiting delegates of young people's work present, and sixteen young ladies responded.

Mrs. Gallagher then presented the following, which was, on motion, adopted in harmony with the provision of Article VIII of the Constitution:

WHEREAS, Our Conferences send capable women to represent young people's work at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, therefore,

Resolved, That we petition that such delegates be given a vote in that body.

On motion, report was accepted. (See Report.)

"When the Roll is called up yonder" was sung.

Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary for Young People's Work, reported that she had spent her six weeks' vacation in visiting our Homes, Schools, and Orphanages, and had returned from them with an enlarged vision and with rejoicing over the far-reaching influences of our work. But she had also periods of sorrow over the neglected places and unoccupied fields. Her experiences had made her feel more than ever that every girl in Methodism should be in the Queen Esther Circles and raise the scholarship money, since this is so truly work for the "other girls" of the land. The report was accepted. (See Report.)

The Bureau for Home Mission Reading Circle was reported by the Secretary, Miss Katherine Bassett, in a most interesting manner. Mrs. Baird, of the Detroit, and Mrs. Bailey, of the Central Ohio Conferences, were called to the platform and the banner held by the Central Ohio Con-

ference during the past year was transferred to the Detroit Conference. Report adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Anna Kent, Secretary of the Bureau for Spanish Work, gave many interesting incidents of the work under that Bureau. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported through the Chairman, Mrs. Winthrop, that two invitations had been received, one to hold the meeting in connection with the Jamestown Exposition, and the other from the city of Boston. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the invitation from Boston, and it was accepted by a rising vote.

Mrs. M. E. Roberts spoke to the Convention of the burial services of our sister, Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, and of the gratification of the family and friends in the presence of our representatives, whose words of appreciation had brought to our brother, Mr. Burwell Spurlock, the first relief of tears.

The noon hour of prayer was observed by a moment of silent prayer, the singing of "Rock of Ages," and audible prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ferguson, who thanked God that we are saved, and better still, saved for service.

Adjournment followed until two P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session was opened with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair. Mrs. Fisk asked that the first and last stanzas of the hymn "How firm a foundation" be sung and that after the singing all join with her in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright and adopted.

In response to the question presented by Mrs. Utley, Mrs. Aiken answered that the special committee constituted by the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers to formulate a plan for the creation of a fund for the expenses of travel of the General Officers and Bureau Secretaries to and from the Annual Meetings, submitted a plan to the April meeting of the Board of Trustees through its Chairman, Mrs. T. J. Everett, recommending in brief that each Conference organization contribute to the General Fund an amount equal to one cent per member of the Woman's and Young Woman's auxiliaries within its bounds, in order to enlarge that Fund so that the Society may be able to meet the expenses above named.

Mrs. Aiken stated that the Board of Trustees desired the Board of Managers should share in the responsibility of the decision. An exhaustive discussion followed, participated in by Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Bodkin, and others.

and the following resolution, offered by Mrs. Daily, was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the General Treasurer be authorized to pay the railroad fare and Pullman expense of Officers and Bureau Secretaries to and from the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

Mrs. S. S. English rendered to the delight of all the solo "A pure heart."

Mrs. Anna D. Elder, Superintendent of the Rebecca McCleskey Home, gave an interesting résumé of her work. She said she spoke for all the "Highlanders of America." In their localities there is a great lack of public school privileges, 700,000 boys between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one without education, 8,000 girls under same conditions. One thousand of these children are in mill communities. Our Society is doing much in its Ritter, Bennett, and McCleskey Schools. We want more hearts to love, more money and more room.

The report of the Frances De Pauw Home for Spanish Girls on the Pacific Coast was heard with interest as given by the Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Whitson. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Literature concerning our "Dark Eyed Girls" was discussed in a two minutes' talk by Miss Snider. She urged a careful study of our Mexican and Spanish literature.

Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Secretary, in reporting for the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (Indian) stated that Miss Mary Tripp, after her vacation in the East started to reach her work by the first of September, but illness in Chicago detained her in Wesley Hospital, whose consideration, through the kindly offices of Mr. D. D. Thompson, was much appreciated by the Convention and the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, was instructed to convey the thanks of this body. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence, Mrs. M. C. Alspaugh, Secretary, whose absence the President regretted, indicated growth of sentiment in favor of tithing and was accepted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Day of Prayer, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Chairman, should be read in its entirety. (See Report.)

"The Indian, his abilities and possibilities," was discussed by Miss De Line, Secretary of the Bureau for Indian and Frontier Work. She urged that every one should provide herself with a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, the Honorable Francis E. Leupp, Washington, D. C., also the report of the Lake Mohonk Conference, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mohonk, N. Y. Report accepted. (See Report.)

It was moved by Miss De Line that all who are working in our Homes and Schools be called Missionaries. Carried.

Mrs. Williams submitted the following report from the Committee appointed at the morning session to suggest plans to expedite the business of the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

That Conference Secretaries submit to the Ways and Means Committee upon the first day of the meeting of the Board of Managers their *type written* pledges to the various fields. That the members of the Ways and Means Committee be excused from such evening sessions as may be necessary in order to adjust these pledges to the appropriations, which adjustment as soon as completed, will be submitted for the consideration of the Committee on Finance, after which supplementary pledges may be taken to supply deficiencies.

Mrs. Woodruff submitted the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Report.)

Miss Bancroft said since Mrs. W. F. Robertson, of Norwood, Ohio, desires to relinquish the office of Custodian of the Permanent Deaconess Fund, I move that Mrs. Margaret Delight Moores, Superintendent of the Detroit Deaconess Home, be appointed in Mrs. Robertson's place. Carried.

Miss Bancroft submitted the following which was adopted.

That all money expended for Deaconess work undertaken by Deaconesses of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, whether in Homes, Stations, Churches, or Missions, shall receive credit in the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. Aiken offered a recommendation from the Board of Trustees that $10 be added to the price of scholarships because of the increased expense of living. Adopted.

Miss Bancroft moved a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simpson for their active interest in the moving of the Deaconess Home from Rensselaer to Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Simpson said that in making the exchange of Deaconess Homes they had been compelled to add "The Open Door Mission" to the name, so it stands "The Open Door Mission and Deaconess Home."

Mrs. Robinson said Mrs. Gatchell, of Des Moines, Iowa, has presented to the Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Training-school a fine property consisting of a comfortable house and large lot adjacent to the Training-school, and moved that the thanks of this Board be sent Mrs. Gatchell for the same. Carried.

Miss Bancroft stated that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has 243 licensed Deaconesses who have had more than a year of service; forty Deaconesses who graduated last June and have entered Deaconess Work. Many of these have been licensed. There are ninety-four unlicensed Deaconesses who have served more than one year. Total number of Deaconesses, 377.

Mrs. Williams offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to Mrs. Wm. A. Burge for the gift of a hospital building located at Springfield, Mo.

A motion of gratitude and appreciation was offered to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson for generous gifts to the Geo. O. Robinson Orphanage in Porto Rico. Carried.

Mrs. Roach offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the future at the Annual Meetings of our Society the evening session shall be devoted to popular speakers.

Mrs. Bickley spoke highly of the program for this Convention, saying it was the best we had ever had. Thanks were expressed to the Committee by a rising vote.

Miss De Line asked that the name of Stickney Home be changed to "Stickney Memorial Indian Mission." On motion, granted.

Mrs. Woodcock said the disappointment of many in not seeing the plates with names upon them in the Mothers' Jewels Home was caused by Mr. Spurlock being obliged to remove them because they had become tarnished. He had hoped to have them all in place before the visit of the ladies.

Mrs. Woodcock offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Believing that those in charge of, and those working in our various Homes could receive mutual aid through daily or occasional hours of our Annual gatherings, if spent in exchange of ideas and tested plans in these Homes; therefore

Resolved, That we request that a place be made during periods outside of regular sessions and duly assigned by the Program Committee, for this work. The conductors of these meetings to be named by the Secretaries in charge of these Homes.

Mrs. E. W. Simpson wished the name of her Bureau changed to the Bureau for "Dulce and New Mexico." Referred to Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Williams called the pages to the platform and presented to each one, on behalf of Mrs. Fisk, a copy of the little book "Coming Americans," which will be used in our children's work this year.

The pages expressed their thanks very gracefully.

The Doxology was sung and benediction pronounced by Dr. Roach and the Convention adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE final session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fisk. The hymn "Blessed assurance" was sung and prayer was offered by the Rev. D. C. Dutton, of Animosa, Iowa, after which one verse of "Tell me the old, old story" was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter and adopted.

Mrs. Wm. M. Ampt, Chairman of Committee on Mite-boxes submitted printed report which had been distributed, and added that since coming to the Convention she had received reports of over $100 additional. The banner Conference for this fund was Detroit. (See Report.)

Miss Guernsey combined her report on Interdenominational Study and Leaflets and reported sales of literature at this meeting of over $150. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Fish, as Editor of the Twenty-fourth Annual Report, said that 14,500 Reports had been published. Report accepted. (See Report.)

A motion made by Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson that the same number of Annual Reports be printed this year was carried.

Miss Frances A. Fish was re-elected Editor of the Annual Report.

When the report of Thank Offering Committee was called for, Miss Van Marter gave her time to the National Organizers and handed her written report to the Secretary. (See Report.)

The General Organizers reporting were Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Mrs. N. W. Bass, Miss Mary A. Mahon, Miss Josephine Corbin, and Miss Nellie Snider.

The Reserve Organizers reporting were Mrs. Anna D. Elder and Mrs. Anna M. Onstott.

These reports were replete with interest and inspiration and accepted. (See Reports.)

Miss Barge, Field Secretary for Young People's Work, said she felt that she had had a definite call to this work and she knew that in this meeting God was laying this work on the hearts of the delegates. She said there is a great responsibility resting on the 87,000 women of this Society and asked if they were doing all that ought to be done. The great need was for leaders and she exhorted for help to fill this need.

Mrs. F. W. Emerson, Chairman of the Committee for Marcy Home, said "this Home is located in the most wicked portion of the city of Chicago, and probably that of the world. Marcy Home does work in sixteen departments, but especial stress is put on the spiritual department and to further this a Church was organized last Spring. Marcy Home boasts of the finest Kindergarten in the city. The Dispensary is a special feature of the work and is so crowded ofttimes that the doors are closed for a time. The work has been in a very flourishing condition and has outgrown the building." Report accepted. (See Report.)

Glenn Industrial Home, Cincinnati, was reported by Mrs. I. D. Jones. There are three missions open every day in the week, seven workers are employed, three kindergartens with 116 children are in a flourishing condition. Glenn Home has done what it could to bring about a peaceful revolution such as was brought about by the Wesley revival. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The following resolution by Mrs. Negus was, on motion of Mrs. Robinson, indorsed and placed in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary to secure consideration at the next General Conference:

Resolved, That the General Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church recommend that

Auxiliary Presidents be members of the Quarterly Conferences and report to the same and that the Discipline be so changed.

The Committee on By-Laws reported some changes and presented a Constitution and By-Laws for Mothers' Jewels. The report of the Committee was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Bequest and Devise showed $13,658.19 received during the year. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The Report of the Committee on Insurance was voted published without reading. (See Report.)

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, submitted the list of Bureau Secretaries, Chairmen of Standing Committees, Organizers, Auditors, Editor and Publisher, and Honorary Vice-Presidents, and they were confirmed as found on pages 3 to 19 in the Annual Report.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Aiken and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this body join the Recording Secretary in an expression of thanks to the Assistant Secretaries for the acceptable manner in which they have recorded the proceedings of this Convention.

On invitation of Mrs. Fisk, Dr. Roach came to the platform, and after two verses of "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord," were sung he led in an earnest prayer for God's help in the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the coming year. Our President, Mrs. Fisk, said she could not adjourn this meeting without hearing the voice of our much beloved Corresponding Secretary in prayer, and Mrs. Williams then led in a tender petition, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. D. C. Dutton, and the great Convention adjourned *sine die*.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, RECORDING SECRETARY.
MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT,
MRS. B. S. POTTER,
MRS. D. D. THOMPSON,
MRS. C. E. COFFIN,
Assistants.

REPORT

OF THE

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DELIA LATHROP WILLIAMS.

I come to you this evening with no discouraging message. The last year, the first of the new quarter century, has been the best one of all. The Conference reports show an increase in auxiliary membership of 1,134, which does not fully represent the actual increase. The cause for this I will speak of later. There has been a very encouraging advance in our active membership. As your treasurer's report has already shown you, the last year has been by far the most fruitful in financial results of any year in our history. The Treasurer last year reported our standing debt reduced by the "Silver Offering" from $195,486 to $162,039. In the year just closed we have met all our current obligations, and by the "Silver Offering" have reduced this $162,039 to $90,943. Besides this the Treasurer has paid to the various departments of work funds that have been accruing for years for buildings and are now needed, the sum of $19,169.69. That is, our financial condition is better by $90,165 than it was at the close of last year. This is a record for which we ought most devoutly to thank God. What encouragement this gives us boldly to undertake the impossible. "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard-seed ye would say to this tree, Be thou rooted up and be thou planted in the sea, and it would obey you." Can you conceive of anything more impossible than planting a tree in the unresting waters of the sea? And yet this is the figure given by the Master Himself to illustrate the power of faith.

Can we really do the impossible? Certainly we can, because all things are possible to our Leader and Commander, and when we follow where He leads His victory is ours. Raise our "Silver Offering?" Certainly, the silver and gold are all His; we have only to believe in Him and go forward. Every home and school is turning away, for lack of room, as many pupils as it is able to accommodate. Can we increase our facilities,

and accept the work God sends to us? Why not, if we believe the promise? "If ye shall say to this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done." No mountain of difficulty can stand in the way of our King in His forward march, nor in our way if we are marching with Him.

New enterprises are pressing us from every point of the compass. We have instant need of friends and money for new work. Was the "all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing" meant for us in our need? Did the Saviour mean just what he said? Is this draft signed by Christ's own hand good for its face at the bank of our God? There is to the believer but one answer to these questions, so let us come in rejoicing in what God has done for us in the past, and go out confident of receiving either in kind, or in something better than that we ask, all our faith claims for future needs.

THE DEAD.

The Lord has not dealt as gently with us this year as He did the last one, for I have to report the death of four of our missionaries, two Conference officers, and two recent bureau secretaries.

MISS SARA J. GAUNT, who for fifteen years was connected with the Detroit Deaconess Home, and for seven years was its superintendent, died October 4, 1905. A severe cold, taken while in the performance of duty, two years before her death, finally resulted fatally.

Miss Gaunt was a native of Detroit, and her life of nearly forty years was spent in or near that city. She was a woman of refined tastes and lofty ideals, and was endowed with courage to undertake the hardest tasks. She possessed such versatility that she was at ease in the most cultured circles, and equally at home in her ministries to the ignorant and vicious. Being an ardent and forceful speaker, she was always welcome to the pulpits of the Detroit Conference, and the esteem of her ministerial brethren was shown by themselves bearing her to her last resting-place. An unselfish, consecrated Christian, this sweet "sister of the people" was loved by thousands whose lives she touched to higher issues and who mourn her early departure.

MISS E. A. MCILMOYL died December 27, 1905, at the Deaconess Home in Cleveland, Ohio. For twelve years she was connected with the Cleveland Deaconess Home, for ten years of this time as its superintendent. One who knew her well says of her: "The solidity with which the foundations of deaconess work were laid in the early days, the place which it holds in the hearts of the people of Northern Ohio, and the success which has attended the work in the city of Cleveland, are very largely due, under God, to the wisdom, tact, and practical common sense of this mother in Israel." Of Canadian birth and Scotch descent, she had a strong, self-reliant character, which, re-enforced by a deep religious ex-

perience, made her a valuable leader and counselor. Her unselfishness, her strength of character, and her "mother heart" made her an inspiration to the young women in the Deaconess Home to whom her final message was, "Tell them I love them, every one."

MISS ISABEL F. HORTON died in Tucson, Arizona, December 21, 1905. Miss Horton was reared tenderly, and enjoyed unusual social advantages, but her heart was with Christ's poor; and after years spent in caring for the depressed classes of her native city, Troy, New York, she took the deaconess training course in Washington, D. C., and went as a missionary to Porto Rico. Here her sweet and gentle Christian leadership soon earned for her, from the poetical Spanish women, the appellation of "the lily of Porto Rico."

After three years of service in this semi-tropical climate, it became necessary for her to return to the States, where it was hoped rest would restore her. She went first to Denver, Colorado, and later to Tucson, Arizona, where she was ministered to by loving hands, but love could not keep her. She faded as gradually and as beautifully as a flower. She loved her work, and as long as there was hope of recovery she was anxious to resume it, but when the end finally drew near she sweetly acquiesced in the Divine plan, saying, "I am content; I rest in His love."

MRS. EMMA S. MURRAY, wife of Rev. A. G. Murray, died in Kildare, Oklahoma, December 19, 1905. In 1889 Brother Murray was appointed to pastorate work at Pawhuska, and Mrs. Murray was employed by the Woman's Home Missionary Society as missionary to the Osage Indians. Later, when Brother Murray was appointed to the Pawnee Mission, Mrs. Murray had the care of the poor and sick Indian women and girls, as well as the duty of giving domestic instruction in the mission.

In going to a revival meeting on her husband's charge, she contracted a severe cold, which resulted in pneumonia, and after a week of suffering in the house of a parishioner, several miles from her own home, she was taken from husband and children to the other country. Her confidence in the Word was unshaken, and she met death not only without fear, but with such visions of the life beyond that she left the world rejoicing in a faith that had already become assurance.

Brother Murray writes: "It was pathetic to see the Indians, on our arrival at Pawnee, where the burial took place. The train was six hours late, the weather was bad, and it was dark, yet hundreds of people were waiting to accompany us to the cemetery. Our Indians gathered round the coffin and wept and moaned over the loss of a trusted friend." Indians may seem stoical, but they have hearts like the rest of us, and love those that love them.

MRS. FLORENCE TAYLOR MILLER died in Des Moines, Iowa, August 18, 1906. She was the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman who went to Iowa from Tennessee in 1854. She was twice married, her first husband dying in Andersonville Prison in 1864. Her second husband, Mr. W. J. Miller, survives her.

For forty years she was connected with the Wesley Methodist Church of Des Moines, in which she was a member of the Official Board, a Sunday-school teacher, and at one time the Sunday-school superintendent.

She was the leader of the forces of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Iowa for thirty years, and through her enthusiasm and influence in securing the prohibitory amendment to the State Constitution of Iowa, she won a national reputation. She was superintendent of legislation for the State and editor of *The Messenger,* the organ of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Iowa.

In 1900 she was elected to the Conference corresponding secretaryship of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Des Moines Conference, and also became a member of the Board of Managers of the Bidwell Deaconess Home, in which she was intensely interested as long as she lived. When she had become too weak to sit through its board meetings she still attended, retiring for rest a few minutes when she must, and then returning to her duties.

Mrs. Miller was for seventeen months an intense sufferer, but she bore all patiently, even triumphantly. She wanted to live because she saw the possibility of doing so much for others, but she was ready to die, and leaves behind her a most precious memory.

MRS. GARRISON, the wife of Rev. C. M. Garrison, of the New Jersey Conference, died in Stratford, New Jersey, November 23, 1905. She was the daughter of a Methodist preacher, so that her whole life was spent in a Methodist parsonage. She was connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society from the time of its organization in the New Jersey Conference in 1885 till her death. Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk was its first Conference president, and Mrs. Garrison its corresponding secretary, which office she filled for eight years, and then became the Conference president, to which position she was re-elected each year. The last election occurred on the day of her death, this being the first Conference Annual Meeting from which she had been absent in the entire twenty years. She was a natural leader, strong and gentle, wise and faithful, and the New Jersey Conference women felt safe in following her leadership. Her faith was unshaken, even triumphant at the last, and so she becomes another witness that Christ is with His own to the end.

MRS. SAMUEL HAMILTON died in Nauheim, Germany, July 6, 1906. Mrs. Hamilton had not been in good health for some time, and hoping for benefit from the water and baths, accompanied by her husband, two daughters and a son, she left home in June last for this famous German health resort. The third day after her arrival she slipped quietly away from the loved ones about her. She said to her family, "I have no fear of death; Jesus is taking care of me; but lest I do not wake when I again fall asleep, I will say good bye." Soon after she fell into a quiet sleep from which she gently passed, without waking, into life eternal.

Mrs. Hamilton was a woman of unusual endowments, all of which from childhood were consecrated to Christ and Christian service. This

gave to her great richness of experience and breadth of character. Early in the history of the Woman's Home Missionary Society she became one of its active workers and liberal contributors. She was an officer in the Pittsburg Conference Society from its organization. She was a prime mover in the establishment of the Pittsburg Deaconess Home, and was its treasurer from its organization till her death. She was a trustee of the Elizabeth Bradley Home, as well as a member of other charitable associations in her own city.

Mrs. Hamilton was an earnest believer in the Christian tithe, and for many years was secretary of the Department of Systematic Beneficence in the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The older members of the Society will carry with them to the end the picture of her gentle, earnest face, the index of her unselfish, Christian spirit.

MRS. SARAH YOUNG WHETSTONE died in Cincinnati, March 15, 1906. Mrs. Whetstone was one of the great army of strong, cultivated, practical women of the Church of Christ, and of our own Methodist branch of that Church, who have given themselves and their names freely to its service. It is doubtful if our younger women realize what heroism and self-forgetfulness were required to establish the great Church organizations of which we are now so justly proud, the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies. Not only gifts of money and days and nights of service, but life itself was freely given to rear the foundations upon which we who come later are building, and shame be to us if we hesitate to give ourselves as freely to perpetuate their work as did they to establish it.

Mrs. Whetstone was closely identified with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society from its organization till her death. She was a member of its first and every succeeding Board of Trustees, and was made a member of three important standing committees at the first meeting of the Board of Managers. When the Department of Mission Supplies was organized, Mrs. Whetstone was made its secretary, which office she held till October, 1886.

When the work of the Society was subdivided into geographical sections, and each section placed in charge of a secretary, Mrs. Whetstone was put in charge of the Bureau for the East Southern States, which included the work in Georgia and Florida. To this work she gave most generously of time, thought, and means until her continued illness made it impossible for her to carry the burden of care necessary to its success, but her first love filled her heart to the end. Courageous and patient in great bodily suffering, she peacefully fell asleep, to be reunited with her loved husband, for whose companionship she longed beyond words to express.

OUR WORK.

"Our missionary failures have been failures of the home base," said one of the speakers at the great Nashville meeting. We may add, the

work of the Home Missionary Society is to strengthen the home base. The work of this arm of service is to make out of the dangerous classes a body of good citizens who will render to Cæsar, an honest and loyal account of their obligations, social and civic.

It is the work of this branch of missionary effort in co-operation with the thirty millions of professing Christians to take Christ to the other fifty millions in America who are without God, and so to present Him as to win their hearts and transform their lives; so that instead of being an embarrassment to the Foreign missionary they will become epistles of Christ whom men may safely read.

It is the further work of this branch of the missionary movement to make the fifty millions who are contributing to missionary work neither a dollar nor a prayer, coworkers with the thirty millions in the evangelization of all non-Christian peoples. While there are hundreds of millions in non-Christian nations to whom Christ should be preached the fifty millions of our fellow-citizens who are strangers to our faith can not be safely forgotten or ignored in our missionary enterprises. Indeed, it is because of these hundreds of millions across the seas and our care for them that we must care for those of our own household.

Of this fifty millions there are thousands under the flag who have never heard of Christ; there are those who have heard rumors of Him, but have not enough knowledge to have faith in Him, and are asking, "Who is He, that we may believe in Him?" There are those who have a superstitious fear of God, but do not know that they may call Him Father; and there are those so blinded and burdened by sin that God is a myth or fable to them. Then there are those too busy and too tired to think of God. Life is given to getting bread and paying rent. It is the business of the Home Missionary to bring light and love and peace and comfort, even joy, to all this mass of humanity that have no God and no hope, and as they turn their feet into the highway of holiness, and take up their march under the banner of our King, they will rank themselves among the saving forces of the nation. Their offerings and their prayers will be conjoined with ours for the salvation of all races and peoples.

There are many people otherwise intelligent and patriotic who do not yet realize that America is a mission field, in some respects the greatest and most pressing one on the face of the earth. It is easy to say that everybody in this country can hear the gospel if he will, and then to dismiss the whole matter. Even if this were true, where is it written that when a house of worship is erected, and the salary of a clergyman provided for, the duty of the Church has been completed so that she may sit down and wait till the poor, wretched, depressed, discouraged people, or the besotted, ignorant people force their way in to hear a gospel of which they have no conception, from a preacher of whose language they do not understand a word? Where are the Churches where the Polish and Bohemian, the Hungarian and Italian miners can hear the gospel?

Where will the great blocks of forty or fifty thousand each of foreigners in our cities go to hear the gospel? Where will the masses of our colored people go to hear the gospel, a gospel that inspires to holiness of heart and holy living? Christ and the apostles preached to Jews because it was necessary that they should become the bearers of the Word to the nations beyond. If any other people than the Jews ever had a providential call to preach the gospel, this nation has such call, and God does not wait for the message to be sent abroad, but He sends the people here by thousands, millions even, to be converted and baptized with the Spirit, that they may preach to their own people, so that each in his own language may hear of the wonderful works of God. And it is not a call that we may hear or not as we choose. Satan is as busy as ever endeavoring to thwart the plans of God, and so to these people sent to us for the water of life are given as a substitute socialism, anarchism, suicide clubs, and the saloon, and they are taught that law and order and capital and Church are their enemies. In their hunger for freedom, who will tell them of the possible and true freedom in Jesus Christ?

Our hearts go out to the poor toiling multitudes in our mines and forests, on our railroads and docks, these hewers of wood and drawers of water, many of whose ears, by the circumstances of their birth and environment, have become too dull to understand the fullness of the message even though it be carried to them; but their children are near enough the heart of God to understand, and so by kindergarten and school, by day nursery and Sunday-school, by a pair of shoes and a warm garment, by food to the hungry and nursing to the sick, by just such Christ-like methods as the Savior used among His own people, must the people in our land be made to feel that there is a good God, and that the Church represents His great heart of love to men.

OUR LITERATURE.

If Christian people lack interest in this delightful missionary work it is because they do not know the needs. We are therefore entering upon a new campaign of mission study. A text-book for the year has just been published entitled "The Incoming Millions," which is a companion book to that of the Young People's Forward Movement Study Course, by the same author, Dr. Howard Grose, entitled "Aliens or Americans." The immigrant problem can not fail to be interesting to all who will give thought to it, and there will be a multitude of helps. It is hoped that every Auxiliary Society will become a study-class in the new text-book, and that the subject will be made so attractive that not Home Missionary women only, but many others will gladly avail themselves of the privilege of these classes.

Our reports and our leaflets are filled with information, and our excellent *Home Missions* is essential to any one who would be informed. I had occasion awhile since to go through a recent file of *Home Missions*

and although I read each number as it came, I was surprised to find it so rich in information, illustration, and suggestion. Go to our literature tables and supply yourselves with an abundance of working material for the coming yearly study for your Conference. You will find a large supply of new leaflets and helps.

Let me call your attention especially to our study book for children, "Coming Americans," and to a little booklet, "Methods and Means for Every-day Workers," a collection of simple rules for organizing and conducting a missionary or similar meeting. Examine our map of industrial homes and the new book of "Home Missionary Entertainments," and the leaflet, "Where Our Money Goes." Also notice the card of introduction to be given to members removing from your auxiliaries. Each auxiliary should be supplied with these cards, and be expected to use them, so that members leaving one auxiliary will be immediately welcomed into another. Every auxiliary should have a catalogue of our literature, which is worth much more than its price to any society.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

I wonder if all the members of the Board of Managers know what an earnest, faithful band of missionary workers they have representing them in the field. We have a number of missionaries still at work who began early in the history of the Society in a very small way where there are now fine plants, and they have so given themselves to their fields, that they have become a part of them. In our thought we identify Mrs. Lewis with Savannah, and Miss Flora Mitchell with Atlanta; Mrs. Chapman with Athens, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock belong to York, Nebraska; Miss Cooke to the Boston Medical Mission; Miss Mathews and Mrs. Clark to the Immigrant Work of New York and Boston, and Miss Page to New Orleans.

Who could have rendered more faithful and continued service than the Misses Tripp, Miss Baldwin, Miss Russell, and Miss Buckbee? Many plowed and sowed in the early time and others who have come later have been reaping, but we thank God that so many are yet able to reap what their own hands sowed in faith so many years ago. Our sympathies extend to the later comers who are spending and being spent in the interests of this blessed work, especially to those far off from us in Alaska and Hawaii. It is to the self sacrifice of these more than one hundred and fifty women at the front who are working quietly and without observation, but not without appreciation, that we owe our success.

We require workers in the home field that are called of God just as absolutely and clearly as such missionaries are needed in the foreign fields. The work of saving people in Christ's stead requires as absolute consecration and unselfish, tireless love in America as in China. There is neither money, nor ease, nor honors to compensate for such service. Only the one is qualified for the Home Missionary field to whom the "Well

done" of the Master is the sweetest of all rewards. We are grateful that the Lord has sent us in a very large measure such workers, and let us not forget to pray earnestly for a fullness of blessing on them personally and on their work.

DEACONESSES.

The necessity for Christian work for both body and soul among the immigrant population of our cities and mining districts has become so openly apparent to all who think that there is a pressing and increasing demand for deaconess service. We have now two hundred licensed deaconesses in the employ of the Society, and one hundred and sixty on probation. If we had five times the number they could readily find the fields to which they are called. Are there not many young women in our great Methodism who would gladly give five or ten years of their vigorous young womanhood to this form of Christian service? Will you not carry this message of need to the young women of your several Conferences? In each district and Conference meeting let the topic of deaconess work be discussed until it is put fully upon the hearts of our young people.

ORGANIZERS.

You are all ready to bear witness to the faithful and successful work of our organizers whose zeal and devotion know no difference between December and May; who stop for neither heat nor cold, whom storms and night travel can not intimidate. We owe to them a great debt which the blessing of God alone can pay.

I regret to report that three of their number are temporarily unable to accept engagements, Mrs. Hilbish on account of uncertain health and Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Allen on account of illness in their families. I am sure this entire board feel deep sympathy with them, and earnestly hope a good providence may early open the way for their return to the field in which they have been so eminently successful.

The demands for the assistance of organizers increases from year to year, which is a strong indication that their work is acceptable. It would, however, be as serious a mistake for the Conference and district officers to remit to an organizer their duty to organize, watch over and strengthen their work, as it would be for the members of a Church to leave all their duties of welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick, and sympathizing with those in sorrow, to a deaconess employed by the congregation. The Master said, "*All* ye are brethren;" a Christian congregation is not constituted on the plan of one brother or sister and all the rest only distant relatives. As no deaconess can do the work of the congregation, so no organizer can do the work of the constituted officers and leaders in the local missionary organizations. *All* at it and always at it is the law of success. The organizer has her own place to fill, and it is a responsible one, but she is expected to be an added force and not a substitute.

PLEDGES.

Never have pledges been so generously made for the payment of the annual appropriations to the work of the Society as were made by the representatives of the Conferences last year at Indianapolis, and never have the pledges been so faithfully redeemed. We look forward to the time when at the close of each meeting of the Board of Managers we shall have a pledge to cover every dollar of appropriation. There is no good reason why this should not be so. But if this is to be done, the appropriations must be determined approximately, at least, before the end of the fiscal year, July 31st, so that the Conferences may know at the beginning of the new year what work has to be provided for.

If the pledges of the Conferences are intelligently, judiciously, and generously made to cover the appropriations, with the expectation that every one will be met, all anxiety about incurring indebtedness will be removed. It is impossible for bureau secretaries satisfactorily to manage their work not knowing whether the appropriations are to be paid.

The Conferences which have completed their "Silver Offering" are free to do most generous things, and from this good day we confidently expect a large advance in our income.

One point, however, needs to be carefully guarded. There is a constant increase of various forms of city and Conference work, demanding the expenditure of much money in the locality where it is raised. Every such new venture is likely to lessen the amount that can be pledged for the work at large. Why should the comparatively few women who constitute the Woman's Home Missionary Society assume, alone, the support of these local missionary movements? Should not the assumption be that all Christian men and women are equally interested in them and in their support? It would seem to your Corresponding Secretary that until there was such a general demand for this local work that its support would be assured without subtracting from the funds previously used for the care of the general work, it should not be undertaken. Each Conference has its duty to the work at large and an ever-increasing duty, for the work must necessarily grow. It has been undertaken with the expectation that no backward step will be taken by any Conference. The vote of the Conference representatives in this Board of Managers has approved every item of it, and the Conferences are committed by this vote to stand by the work at large, no matter what the local interests may be. So, friends, though you may have Deaconess Homes and city missions and frontier work, remember that we have a great Southern field and a Mormon field, a Spanish work, an Indian and an Oriental work; Porto Rican, Alaskan, and Hawaiian missions, each one of them asking for more workers and more facilities; and, having put our hand to this plow, we can not turn back if we would, and God knows we would not if we could. But we must do both the general work and such part of the local work as falls to our share. Whatever the Lord bids us do we can do, and He will not do our work without our co-operation.

THINGS TO BE COMPLETED.

In keeping with our determination last year no new work has been undertaken this fiscal year, outside of the Deaconess Bureau, except the George O. Robinson Orphanage, which you authorized a year ago.

There are some things that should be completed the current year to clear the way for other important matters that are awaiting attention and should have it as soon as possible.

I reported to you last year that a new school building had been erected at Asheville, North Carolina, at an expense of $1,500 above the bequest devoted to this purpose. That building should be finished up and properly furnished. When the money, which was in the treasury for this purpose, was exhausted, the work was not completed, and the secretary provided a sufficient amount to bring the building to a condition to be occupied, but the toilet-rooms and plumbing are not in, there is grading to be done, the school rooms are not all properly seated, and the home must be painted. The amount asked for to pay the debt and put the plant, home and school, into complete order, is $2,600.

I also reported that a home had been built at Boaz, Alabama, at a cost of $7,000, but the work was suspended before the third story was finished. The space on this floor has now become a necessity. It is estimated that the finishing sixteen additional rooms with some expense for water supply and heating will require $1,800.

Last year I told you that a very necessary addition had been made at Harwood Home, upon which was still a debt of $3,300. There is still due on this debt $2,000, which obligation should be met before any new work is projected.

The George O. Robinson Orphanage at San Turce, Porto Rico, which you authorized building, is up and occupied, but not completed. It will require $5,000 to complete the payment on the buildings and $2,500 to furnish it.

I spoke to you last year of the great need of a mission building in Honolulu. When Bishop Hamilton was in Honolulu last winter, greatly to our surprise and pleasure, he purchased for us a fine property at the remarkably low figure of $8,000. We had in the treasury $2,700 towards the purchase price, and our friends in Honolulu raised $1,000. Bishop Hamilton generously advanced $500 from his own purse, so that there was paid down in cash $4,200, leaving a balance of $3,800 unprovided for. For this balance the bishop gave to a bank in Honolulu his personal note. This obligation must be paid this year.

For several years a sum has been accumulating with which to add a wing to Ritter Home. The amount on hand for the purpose is $8,000, and the wing is to be built without any appropriation from the treasury. But the present building needs repairs and painting and adapting by inside changes to the new part to be added. Fifteen hundred dollars has been allowed for the purpose of making repairs and improvements on the

present building and putting in additional heating facilities which have never been equal to the size of the house. This should come into our treasury this year.

The awful disaster which overtook the beautiful city of the Golden Gate has made unexpected demands upon us, to which we gladly make most generous response.

As you know, our Chinese Home in San Francisco was destroyed by the fire following the earthquake, and some provision must be made for its re-establishment. We can not expect the California Conference to contribute largely to this. It is estimated that $12,000 will be required at the present prices of labor and material to build a new home. The insurance and some other available funds will give $8,500 towards this sum, leaving $3,500 to be raised to replace the building. The money should be in the treasury for building this home as early as the end of this year.

There is still due on the purchase price of the Japanese Home $1,000, which should very soon be paid and relieve it from debt.

No doubt our young people would take hold of some of these enterprises with a will if they were inspired to feel their importance, and the work were assigned especially to them.

SILVER OFFERING.

Two years ago, when the Board of Managers met in Denver, Colorado, it was voted to attempt to raise $200,000 as a "Silver Offering" in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Society. We all had faith in the project and believed its suggestion an inspiration, but when it came to the details, each woman in her own Conference or her own auxiliary did not see quite so clearly how it was to be done. To-day, thank God, a goodly number of Conferences are ready to report the full amount of $2.50 per member paid into the treasury, and most of the others have plans perfected by which the unpaid balance will come in during the current year.

It develops that a certain shrinkage will occur owing to a faulty estimate of membership. The $200,000 was based on the membership of eighty thousand, which was the aggregate number reported in 1902-03, and which we agreed to take as the basis. But, it soon began to appear that that reported membership did not represent the active paying members, for the annual membership dues of one dollar received that year was somewhat less than $62,000. There certainly was a serious discrepancy in the reports of Conference secretaries and Conference treasurers, which became very apparent when each auxiliary looked an obligation of $2.50 per member squarely in the face. Happily if the "Silver Offering" had done nothing else for us, it has shown our women the importance of making very conservative reports as to the number of members in the auxiliaries. As the active membership is the correct basis for the apportionments of all funds to the various Conferences, it is of the utmost importance

that these statistics be correct, and if the "Silver Offering" helps to bring about this desideratum, we will be grateful, even though it does seriously cut down the basis of calculation for our "Silver Offering," and make our reports look as if we had been losing ground in membership.

You recall that our first thought in regard to the "Silver Offering" was to ask for $50,000, and later our Committee on Ways and Means decided to ask for $100,000. Then a burning desire took possession of some of our women to see our debt paid and make clean the ground of the first quarter of a century. They said, "Let us try for $200,000, claiming the promise and trusting our women to raise it." Whom could we better trust than our Lord and Master and the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church? You have heard your treasurer's report that at the end of about a year and a half of actual work we have received $110,000 cash into our treasury and have paid obligations to that amount. Supposing our faith had stopped with $50,000 or even $100,000? God is pleased to have us ask large things of Him and to expect them, too, and the women of the Church prefer to be identified with a large movement, as is shown by what has been accomplished.

There was a fear, as you know, that the "Silver Offering" would lessen the income to the current expenses, and while we were paying debts with one hand we should be running behind in our annual income, and so make a debt with the other. Happily while we have been raising the "Silver Offering," our income has been notably increased. Aside from the "Silver Offering" the increase of the *cash* receipts from the Conferences in 1905 over that of 1904 was $15,800, and in 1906 over the previous year, 1905, it is $10,334. We have raised in the last two years $110,000 "Silver Offering" and have paid in cash into the general treasury, exclusive of "Silver Offering" and exclusive of all bequests and annuities, $60,576 more than the amount paid in the two years immediately preceding this attempt.

Do we need any more striking fulfillment of the promise, "Give, and it shall be given you?" What dare we not undertake in His name after this marked approval of our faith? It is better than we dared to hope even, and a reproof to us that we trust so timidly. Why do we not always believe everything the Master says?

And now let's finish up the $200,000 with a will. The Conferences will pay their $2.50 per member. Then instead of 80,000 members we now report 88,000. Each one of these new comers will be glad to give at least $1 to the fund. Then why not make a host of our brethren who have stood so faithfully by their wives for many years, who have kept house while they have been at Conferences and conventions, who have helped make treasurer's reports and itineraries for organizers, who have seen workers off on trains, and welcomed them from trains into their homes, the brethren, beloved, who have been interested in all the details of the work of their good wives, not only because they love them, but because they love the Savior and believe in the work. Why not, I say, make a

host of these worthies Silver Anniversary life members? The husbands of our board members, our bureau secretaries, and of the officers of the Conferences and districts certainly deserve such recognition. The pastors of our Churches would appreciate such attention and it would be a deserved compliment. Shall we not make the coming year a debt-paying time in this regard, and so show our brethren that we are not unmindful of their services in our behalf?

In the Conferences that have paid the average of $2.50 per member there are no doubt many *auxiliaries* that have not done so, and to pay their share would be a source of real blessing. Let us look after these auxiliaries and secure their interest and their gifts. Perhaps by doing this the decrease on account of shrinkage in membership can be made up. If we determine to complete the offering, we can do it. Most of us can contribute some more if necessary, for we have learned the blessedness of it. Let us seek for large gifts from those who have much of the Lord's gold, and let us welcome the small gift of the loving heart, for "two mites may count for more on God's books than a purse of gold."

The Koran relates that Gabriel was once sent on two errands. One was to remind King Solomon of the hour of prayer; the other to help a little yellow ant that had grown weary in getting its food, and was likely to perish. To Gabriel one behest was just as carefully executed as the other, because God had sent him. So by all plans which women know so well how to devise and execute, by the large undertakings of the women having ample opportunities and the simple methods of those less favored, let us for the honor of Methodist women, and of the Society which we represent, for the love that we bear to the cause and to Christ our Savior, keep right on till the whole $200,000 is paid into the treasury.

Will the Conferences that have completed their quota of "Silver Offering" suffer a word of exhortation? Rich blessing has come to you as a result of your effort, and to night you are happy in the consummation of this undertaking, but there is a storehouse full of just such blessings and even larger ones for your claiming in the future. Now that we have learned how blessed these gifts of love are, let us steadily continue through the years to give to the full measure of our ability. Thank God, the contents of our precious broken flasks are not an anointing for "His burial," but for winning stars to deck His crown whom in our hearts we crown Lord of all. What will it mean to us in that day of days to be permitted in the presence of a great company of the redeemed to place our star on that sacred brow? And what a wonderful thing it is that the gift of a few dollars may secure to us such a privilege at the coronation of the King of kings, our King and our Lord.

WHAT NEXT?

I am sure many of you are now asking how your Conferences can be most helpful. It has seemed to me that the time has come when we can ask a strong presiding elder's district, or two weaker districts, to take

the entire support of a teacher and thus aid our general fund. If the Epworth Leagues of a district can support a foreign missionary, certainly the auxiliaries of a district can support a home missionary, and have a large margin for other things. You saw perhaps the account of the experience of a well-known Church in one of our Central States, as told by its pastor at the great Cleveland Missionary Meeting. The Church was in bad condition, discouraged, in debt, and the building out of repair. But a new pastor came, and at the first meeting of the session he suggested that they take the support of a missionary, which was such a surprise and seemed so impossible that to get a favorable vote he promised to contribute a part of his own salary if necessary. The first year of his pastorate the church was repaired, the minister paid in full, and the missionary supported. The next year they took the support of two missionaries, and when the pastor told the story they were meeting all the home obligations and supporting four missionaries and considering a fifth.

God does honor our faith if it is demonstrated by corresponding works. I have no doubt the Woman's Home Missionary Society in seven-eighths of the presiding elders' districts of our well-to-do Conferences could support a missionary and grow constantly richer in money as well as in grace by doing so. Shall we not as we complete our "Silver Offering" seriously consider this method of keeping our auxiliaries zealously interested, and supplying our treasury with much-needed funds?

Again, we must increase our contributing membership, for this is the only reliable source of supply. Eighty-eight thousand is only a fraction of all the women in American Methodism. We must leave no Methodist woman uninvited to join us. We must make our meetings so attractive by carefully prepared, instructive programs that women will want to attend them. We must act as if we believed in the importance of the work we have in hand and so recommend it. We must get and give more information about Home Missionary work. People do not know what the Home Missionary Society is doing. We must tell them when they are leaving home where they will find our homes and schools in the localities they are about to visit, so that they can see for themselves.

We must secure the organization of new auxiliaries and circles. Not half the charges on any presiding elder's district have Home Missionary Societies in them. We must watch for opportunities to organize and then nurse the organizations till they can go alone. We must look more diligently after the young people and try to interest them. They are soon to be the middle-aged people; whether they will be ready to take our place and multiply our numbers is for us now to determine. We must have no childless auxiliaries, but bring in the children and let them grow up members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We must see that the Society has proper representation at our camp-meetings, summer resorts, missionary rallies, and student conferences. This is of the greatest importance, for in these gatherings we come into immediate contact with open minds, lasting impressions are made and workers secured.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxiliaries.	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.										
		Auxiliaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles	New Life Members	Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
Alabama	1	14		20							2	20
Arkansas	3	31										
Atlanta		143										
Austin	1	21			10							
Baltimore	64	2549	970	221	235	154	1	55	11	4	803	981
Blue Ridge												
California	36	949	86	25	60	12	13				321	170
Central Alabama	4	41					1					
Central Illinois	49	1153	262	68	113						342	73
Central Missouri	10	100		4							7	1
Central New York	79	2626	616	164	925	266	25	339	6	1	835	335
Central Ohio	116	2822	528	153	452	337	5	191	11	7	843	128
Central Pennsylvania	63	1572	412	837	80	12	2	133	18		373	437
Central Tennessee												
Cincinnati	64	2267	536	293	1318	158	6	459	39	17	723	313
Colorado	39	914	291	168	327			47	2		261	108
Columbia River	13	180		42	16			6			3	10
Dakota	2	21										
Delaware	13	315	32	52							20	1
Des Moines	80	1632	332	411				17			468	52
Detroit	109	3370	499	88	330	25		137	35		1183	503
East Maine	8	73	25					4				
East Ohio	75	2364	378	126	643	22	4	189	12	3	638	366
East Tennessee	3	41	18									
Erie	69	2630	578	187	556	2	9	244	8	1	856	556
Florida	4	57						13	1			
Genesee	69	2190	249	89	850		2	128	6	14	660	825
Gulf Mission	3	50	51					1	1			
Holston	11	319	156	48	106	2	2	5			151	55
Idaho	2	22						1				
Illinois	54	1814	499	57	211	7		27	3		390	56
Indiana	50	1891	194	74	788	76		141	4		428	140
Iowa	34	1264	304	181	225	172		20	1		415	233
Kansas	26	672	298	57	50			29	2		319	99
Kentucky	12	256	35	64	31						24	14
Lexington	19	295		13	37						16	6
Lincoln												
Little Rock	42	293	45	34	18	16					17	10
Louisiana	3	32						1				
Maine	45	955	170	178	242		3	37			268	284
Michigan	70	1944	236	260	490	37	2	121			649	294
Minnesota	38	786	201	56	234	21		50			232	152
Mississippi	3	70										
Missouri	1	4										
Montana	3	60			10						20	
Nebraska	37	1131	74	20	272			28			251	33
Newark	60	2346	343	121	737	105	1	128	5		730	447

New England	68	1871	225	76	1136	123		305	35		768	417
New England Southern	39	1164	33	26	378			73	18		379	380
New Hampshire	28	667	73	48	163			13	4		153	102
New Jersey	43	1837	289	182	329	45		35	3		304	143
New Mexico—(English)	1	28						2			26	
New Mexico—(Spanish)	1	30										
New York	35	1101	120	79	30		1	20	8		235	139
New York East	31	1780	485	66	156		5	28	3		499	308
North Carolina	1	16										
North Dakota	14	187	123	30	31						95	107
North Indiana	67	2484	375	255	524		12	98	2	1	788	412
North Nebraska	36	752	143	171	120		1	5			294	191
North Ohio	49	1630	134	50	240		5	266		1	529	145
Northern Minnesota	36	871	229	105	390		1	4			298	343
Northern New York	92	2669	548	116	332		2	51	9	3	793	440
Northwest Indiana	32	1045	116	47	144		9	49			319	33
Northwest Iowa	68	1519	150	35	427	60		75	4		630	348
Northwest Kansas	9	255						1			172	36
Northwest Nebraska	1	3										
Ohio	48	2126	364	128	268	53	5	315	10	1	631	302
Oklahoma	4	46										
Oregon	19	547	35	52	74	140					137	58
Philadelphia	49	2041	277	112	128	84	2	214	42	6	529	132
Pittsburgh	60	2197					5	139	12	1	809	429
Puget Sound	36	856	104	29	232	248		1			218	61
Rock River	103	3569	563	395	510	395	9	157	35	11	1112	430
Savannah	4	48										
St. John's River	1	6										
St. Louis	15	595	136	96	110	62					171	32
South Carolina	2	35										
South Kansas	18	503	190								177	23
Southern California	83	2163	440		655		5	51	15		679	260
Southern Illinois	18	497	128	24	91	12		1	3		196	93
Southwest Kansas	32	968			208		15	133	2		458	168
Texas	20	155						4				
Tennessee	1	14										
Troy	56	1740	735	133	192		8	215	17		437	220
Upper Iowa	64	2084	392	183	384	95	7	205	14	3	725	416
Utah Mission	3	64	11								18	30
Vermont	39	779	169	97	228	12	2	52	8	1	285	164
Virginia	4	102					2	2				
Washington	10	202	45	8							46	
West Nebraska	6	95						7				
West Texas	10	193										
West Virginia	10	353	54	20	12						135	25
West Wisconsin	20	451	98	22	47	8	1	42			142	55
Wilmington	26	1049	166	96	390	55		11			246	135
Wisconsin	26	597	7	100	95			2	5		189	124
Wyoming	67	1950	190	186	910		1	136	6		505	403
Wyoming Mission	1	11	15	14							5	
Not reported by Conferences			4298		1054							
Totals	3,003	88,194	19,908	7,112	19,384	2,816	194	5,263	420	75	26,400	13,806

THE MESSAGE.

It is pleasant to greet so many familiar faces in this annual missionary festival, and we are equally glad to welcome to our councils so many new friends. Many of you have given anxious days and even nights to the accomplishment of your duties, so that you might bring honor to your Conference, and make them efficient factors in this great work. You have been weary and sometimes discouraged, and may have been tempted to say you would give it up, that the work was too great, and the people not appreciative, which may be true. But suppose you should give it up would your successor find it less hard, and would she be better understood than you have been? The fact is if we measure ourselves among ourselves we are not wise. The Master Himself is our standard. He did not give up His work because it was hard. In the bitterest of His experiences He said, "My Father worketh and I work."

You who are Conference officers must never for a moment forget that you hold all the interests of this Society in your hands. Eighty-eight thousand women are looking to you for leadership, and are waiting to follow you, if you have the courage and faith to inspire them to follow. O, that the whole eighty-eight thousand could be in this meeting that we might tell them of the needs, and of the marvelous opportunity God is giving the women of this generation.

Will you who are present take a message from this Board of Managers to the women of your Conferences?

Will you tell the women of your Churches that we are having part in the solution of the greatest problem God ever gave to men, which is, Can America, the child of God's providence, planted with the choicest seed of the Church, having unexampled enterprise and aspiration, and possessing untold wealth, can this chosen people of God so live as to teach the world the blessings of good civil government, of pure social life, of supreme love to God and unselfish love of its neighbor? Tell them that America can save the world if the Church can save America. Tell them instead of looking on their own things, their small talents, their many personal cares, their weariness over the details of life, their inability to make large gifts; instead of looking down on these things to look out upon God's large plans for the race of man, to remember that the feast for all men is now prepared and waiting, that the guests are invited, and that we are commissioned to bring them in. Happy, thrice happy shall we be if each of us shall bring even one guest.

Beg them not to decline any service however humble, not to withhold any offering however small; above all things not to let rivalries or jealousies become flies in their precious ointment. Tell them to live as seeing God, for He is surely nearer than our own thoughts, to live as the companion of angels, for they are all ministering spirits, to live as a part of the blessed Church triumphant, for our loved ones are not very far from us.

Tell them, too, that what we do must be done *now*. We are pass-

ing over that great bridge between time and eternity, through whose floor some of our number are continually dropping into the unseen. Tell them to begin to-day—now, to do with their might. Urge them to covet opportunities, and so to use them as at each day's close they can look into the Master's face unabashed. O, tell them to hasten to lay everything at the Master's feet, to count nothing their own, to count not themselves dear to themselves, but to rejoice that if the death of saints is precious in His sight, how much more must be their earnest, obedient lives. Tell them we shall succeed. There is no place for doubt or discouragement. We have enlisted for life, and we expect to die on the field, not in a losing fight, but with our face to the flying foe, with the shouts of glorious victory in our ears.

Yes, you can tell them, too, that we need more money, but when we dare undertake the impossible, relying upon God, money will flow into our treasury; for God's gifts are limited only by the degree of our faith. Whatever ought to be done God will enable us to do, but He does not do the impossible for the faint-hearted. When we are ready to spend ourselves to the uttermost He completes what our limited strength alone can not accomplish.

Tell them we can complete our "Silver Offering." We can bring our annual cash income up to $250,000. We can reach out helping hands to the multitudes that are crying to us for service, and better still, we can go out after those who do not know that there is any help for their suffering bodies and darkened souls. We can do all this if they will but remember that they are not ordinary people, with ordinary responsibilities, but that they are children of the light, the called of God. O friends, can we not from this good hour believe that with Him we can do all things? We plead for that faith for our eighty-eight thousand women that knows no impossibilities when engaged in God's service.

In closing, may I call to your mind Ezekiel's wonderful vision in which he saw the glory of Jehovah come in by the way of the east gate and fill the house, the symbol of the Church; and one said to him, "Behold this is the law of the house; the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy." And he saw a stream issue from the house, and he measured a thousand furlongs and the depth was to his ankles, another thousand and it was to his knees, again a thousand and it reached to his loins, and still another and it had become too deep for wading—it was a broad stream to swim in. Moreover it was a life-giving stream, for it was not only filled with living food, so that fishermen spread their nets there, but its banks were clothed with trees whose fruit was good for food, and whole leaves were for the healing of the nation.

This, friends, is a type of our missionary work. It began twenty-five years ago, a small stream flowing from living consecrated temples, and we have seen it deepen to the ankles and to the knees, and we have the assurance that it shall become a river than can not be passed through. And this our river carries life with it in all its course, life to the bodies

of men, for it gives them better food, better clothing, better homes, and better opportunities; and it also brings to them the new birth into the beginning of an eternal spiritual life.

You and I, sisters, are parts of this ever-moving, ever-growing, life-bearing, blessed river which shall never cease its flow until the last desert place of earth has been made an Eden into which the Lord will come again to walk and talk with the redeemed; whom, please God, we have helped to save, out of all tribes and tongues and peoples.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

Delivered before the General Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, at Lincoln, Nebraska, October 14, 1906.

Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft.

"I believe in the good great world, and I love it,
I love and believe in Man, and the call
Of the soul that is in it,—and yet above it—
I believe in the God who made it all."
—Winfield Scott Moody.

Our belief in Man, our belief in the call of the soul, and above all, our belief in God,—these essentials of our faith have again called us together for consultation as to the best methods for carrying forward and supporting the institutions for which we are responsible.

Much thought and prayer were given by our sainted founders to the initial movements that led to the organization of this Society. We, their successors, recognizing the importance of the trusts committed to our care, are striving to realize their ideal. Through the inspiration they gave us, we are endeavoring to lighten and brighten darkened and clouded lives.

Education of hand, head, and heart,—this is the only road by which any of us can arrive at larger and richer conceptions of life and its responsibilities. And through this type of education it is our aim to make, of the crude, undeveloped, illiterate youth of the slums of our cities and of the out-lying sections of our own country, bodies of thinking men and women. Moreover, it is our hope that these, when trained, shall in turn pass on to others the good lessons we have taught them,—lessons of high endeavor, involving self-sacrifice, "For the love of Christ and in His name."

Twenty-six years of consecrated effort! How seemingly small were those early beginnings! How few there were willing to enlist under the banner of a group of women whose ideas were sporadic! But unified plans and definite lines of action were soon reached, and a work that our Heavenly Father has wonderfully blessed, was fairly launched. How could results have been otherwise? Let a company of open-visioned souls band themselves together with a common purpose and a noble aim; let these be persistent in their efforts to give a chance to the helpless and unfortunate, let these workers find the means by which to make con-

crete their statements and plans, and a movement is inaugurated whose influences will reach to the ends of the earth.

In contrasting the work of those early days with what we are now doing,—in contrasting the few then interested with the number now concerned—our hearts leap with joy, and we devoutly thank God and take courage. Then a score of women who had seen a great light and were "Following the gleam,"—now more than eighty-eight thousand! Then a small work in New Orleans, a little later another in Salt Lake City, and a few months later still another in Atlanta. Now our institutions and stations, that require three figures for expression, are scattered from ice-bound Alaska to sunny Porto Rico.

How limited were our early conceptions of Home Missionary Work! We saw and felt the galling chains of poverty and ignorance holding in degradation our colored sisters. Anxiously we were laboring to remove these remnants of the curse of slavery, when from Utah came Bishop Wiley's urgent call for help in what was then to us a far-off section of our country. His letters telling us of the soul-stifling life of the Mormon women and girls hastened us to their relief,—and this we afforded by raising money with which to send them Christian teachers, and to erect school buildings.

Thus for good and sufficient reasons we have responded to first one prayer for help and then to another—prayers to which we could turn neither deaf ears nor empty hands. And because our hearts have burned to respond to serious needs, we find ourselves so grown that we are now organized into thirty-four Bureaus and six Committees, each having a Secretary or Chairman, whose duty it is to care for her department of work.

These Bureau officers are women of a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the part America is to take, and even now is taking, in the salvation of the world. Unless this soul-enlightening vision is ours, how can we make others realize the scope of Home Missionary effort? How can we properly picture the crude conditions of life on the frontiers of our own country, in the cabins of our Southern negroes and mountaineers, of the poverty, ignorance, and sin in our mining towns, and in the crowded wards of the poverty-stricken sections of our large cities where representatives of almost every nation under the sun form a modern Babel? And publish these sad tiding we must if we are to better these unfortunate conditions.

According to Bishop Oldham, "We have a growing class among whom poverty is becoming a heritage and thriftlessness a birthright; communities in which children are born and reared amid such environments as forbid any large hope of their coming to any other than their parents' condition. For alas! there is beginning to be a population which inherits thriftlessness,—is born to poverty and does not see the way out."

Robert Hunter tells us that in the United States there are ten mil

lions of people dependent to a greater or less degree upon charity. Seven millions of these are employed when they can obtain work, which is at only irregular intervals. Of this number 3,300,000 belong to the tenements of our large cities. Seven hundred and fifty thousand are children of tender years, one child in every six in the United States being a wage-earner. Boston has 20,000 of them, New York has 70,000. The Fall River Mills, the Chicago and Kansas City stock-yards, the Pennsylvania mines; New York, Philadelphia, and Boston sweat-shops; the mills of New Jersey and of the Carolinas,—these and many more are centers of just such wretchedness as Bishop Oldham has described.

For these people there is nothing to which to look forward. The masses are getting poorer and poorer. Men in the Chicago stock-yards earn on an average $5.00 a week. Skilled labor receives only $17.00 or $18.00 per week.

America! The goal to which half of Europe is looking—the land of liberty—the land where it is supposed Fortune's hand is extended to all who come to our shores, even if they come tramping on a million strong each year. We hear of the rapid rise of the few, who, because of special fitness and energy, have been able to push themselves to the fore front, to get a fair start and later to amass fortunes. But what of the millions of peasants who come from the plains of Russia, the forests and valleys of Slavonia, Croatia, Bohemia, and Lithuania; child-like, trusting peoples who are to become only food for a great machine grinding out the lives of these humble workers. Upton Sinclair, in "The Jungle," has painted fearful pictures of the efforts and ambitions, the struggles and death of these child-like foreigners who come with hearts full of hope and expectancy. Yet, despite all their disappointments, others continue to come in increasing numbers, the past year having brought 1,020,000 immigrants to become a part of our body politic. Shall these sink into the mire of the unscrupulous, or shall we extend to them such help as shall enable them to rise into self-respecting citizenship? The gold and silver are the Lord's, and we are laboring and praying for some of this treasure in order to lift up these, His little ones.

Thinking men and women of to-day see in America God's great opportunity. Charles Darwin, Herbert Spencer, Henry Drummond, Lady Henry Somerset, Baroness Bertha Von Suttner, these and many others have been impressed with the power America possesses to become the arbiter of the world. Our own Bishop Hartzell said to our Board of Trustees last April, "Ladies, work for America. Save America for Africa's sake." Bishop Thoburn exclaims, "Save America for India's sake."

Professor Austin Phelps wrote, "As goes America, so goes the world in all that is vital to its moral welfare. If I were a missionary in Canton, China, my first prayer in the morning would be for Home Missions in America for the sake of China." John Burns once said: "The American idea that all men are created free and equal with certain inalienable

rights, is the uplifting of the world." And the late John Henry Barrows said shortly before his death: "The most strategic, if not absolutely greatest work for Christ now going on in the world is not among the millions of China, India, and Africa; the most strategic battle is that silent, moral battle carried on in the heart of the Mississippi Valley. We are dwelling in what is ultimately to be the controlling and wealthiest nation under the sun."

Josiah Strong says: "I believe it is fully in the hands of the Christians of the United States to hasten or retard the coming of Christ's Kingdom by hundreds, perhaps thousands of years." Professor Hopper believed that America Christianized would mean the world Christianized; while Professor Park says: "If America fails, the world fails."

With such a oneness of opinion in the minds of thoughtful men and women regarding the mission of America to the rest of the world, we, therefore, as Christians, have resting upon us grave responsibilities. Realizing these responsibilities, not only are we praying "Thy Kingdom come," but we are hastening its coming just as we have been doing for twenty-six years, by sending out from our schools many thousands of trained women and girls whose lives are living exponents of His grace. Ask Colonel Pratt, in charge of the Government Indian School, Carlisle, Pa., regarding the eight Alaskan boys and girls sent him from our school in Alaska. Ask Bishop Hartzell what of the work of Mrs. Camphor and Miss Drummer in Africa, students from our Thayer Home in Atlanta. Ask Mrs. Woodruff and Dr. Haywood concerning the work and influence of Miss Sallie Gill in Porto Rico. Ask Mrs. Anna Kent as to the development and usefulness of the young Mexican girls from our school in Albuquerque. Ask our ladies of the Pacific Coast of the growth and life of our Chinese girls who received prizes in the Oakland High School. Ask Professor Cook of the poor young men trained in the night school of our Boston Medical Mission, who since have made fine records in Harvard University. And thus we scan our different institutions and the work their graduates are undertaking, and feel that we are indeed hastening on the time when this earth shall become "the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ."

Recognizing the advance the world has thus made in righteousness toward our fellowmen, let us endeavor to trace from its source this great stream of modern philanthropy, which pours not only through our own Society and Church, but also through similar organizations in other Churches, and indeed through some excellent organizations outside the pale of any Church. Whence came this broad sense of man's responsibility for his brother man? Self-seeking and greed stare us so boldly in the face from the pages of our magazines and dailies that we sometimes almost lose sight of the fact that while these evils are rampant there is also abroad a great convincing force, a deep recognition of God as our common Father and of Jesus of Nazareth as our common Elder

Brother, that through this recognition we find our common brotherhood, and righteousness demands that we be true to this kinship.

But it has not always been thus. John Richard Green, in his History of the English People, tells of the revivifying power of the Wesleyan revivals, and traces the trend of modern thought and life to their soul-stirring and awakening powers. Yet far back of this period Green sees even in the Reformation the germinal thought of all modern philanthropies. Belief in God's free grace for everyone who believes enabled Luther to exclaim: "The just shall live by faith." That is ALL *just people* shall live by faith. This sense of a common relationship with God and of His universal love has therefore a long history. Born with the Reformation, quietly but persistently carried forward during the Renaissance, continued even during the corrupt reigns of the Stuarts and early Hanoverians, blossoming into greater effulgence in the time of George the Second, when it burst into full bloom under the influence of the Wesleyan Revivals,—on, on has come this doctrine of Free Grace for every man who will accept it; and this is the basis of all true philanthropy, the essential, vital, fundamental principle of true democracy. Upon this principle was born and has developed the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Believing as we do, that God's free grace descends as the gentle dew into every heart that will receive it, that every soul may drink in this grace as a direct gift from God, we as workers in this organization rejoice in our spiritual ancestry—harking back as it does even to the Lutheran Reformation.

But let us examine our more evident and nearer inheritance, namely; what the rise of Methodism has meant to the amelioration of the woes of the world. To do this we must contrast the moral standards of the eighteenth century with those of the twentieth, and we shall find that on a moral basis we have advanced leagues beyond our ancestors.

One has said, "England of the twentieth century is John Wesley's true monument and what he has wrought has changed the temper of the modern world." Its new ideals in politics, its new spirit in religion, its new standards in philanthropy are all traceable to the founder of Methodism.

At his birth in 1703, England was in a veritable slough of moral despond. Montesquieu, who gave careful study to the England of that age, says: "There is no such thing as religion in England." He could readily see and feel the degrading influences of the absentee rector, the fox-hunting, carousing parson, and of the miserable drunken hireling perfunctorily performing in a pulpit duties belonging to another. Low, physical self-indulgence met him on every side, and he was shocked by the dearth of spiritual forces. But he did not know of Epworth parsonage, and of the many English homes where faith in God was the keynote of every action.

Carlyle, too, has succinctly characterized the eighteenth century with

"Soul-extinct, stomach well alive." Green further says, There was open revolt against religion and against Churches. The poor were ignorant and brutal to a degree impossible now to realize; the rich given over to an almost utter disbelief in religion linked to a foulness of life, now happily almost inconceivable."

But in the hearts of a few choice spirits the lamp of hope and love still burned. That famous little company of young men in Oxford University were squaring their lives by the laws of eternal righteousness. With well-perfected methods these men met to pray, to exchange thoughts of religious growth, to visit the sick, to help the poor, to teach children in schools, to visit inmates in workhouses and prisons, and to lend small sums of money to mechanics with which to buy tools for their trades.

Then out of their labors of love came that great Wesleyan revival, the most wonderful movement of the eighteenth century, the greatest possible gift to the English-speaking race. Nothing in the realm of politics, science, or literature could have so stirred the nation. The heart had at last found expression. Out of this spiritual awakening came the advance of the middle classes which shifted the center of political power and gave rise to the great industries which multiplied tenfold the wealth of the nation.

All these new forces are attributable to the re-birth of a pure religion which had nearly suffered its death throes. Conscience had been all but dead,—yet through Wesley's preaching God had breathed it again into life. The pulse of Wesley is felt to-day in every form of religion and philanthropy, both in England and America. Indeed Wesley personally started almost every line of philanthropic work now promulgated. Have you studied his free school at the Foundry, another in the book-store of a friend whose books could be bought at a nominal price, another in a building used as a dispensary where the poor came to receive advice, medicine, and the gratuitous services of eminent physicians. Also, have you looked into his employment bureau and studied his plans in laying the foundations of an institutional Church by which he fully demonstrated the fact that a Church can be strongly evangelistic, and at the same time in various ways meet the needs of the poor? We have not yet gone far beyond him in openness of vision.

How many pictures of this man have been sketched, and how the backgrounds vary! Sometimes these are the beams and buckets of the coal mines, sometimes a stretch of heath or meadow, again the interior architecture of a church, or pictures of a graveyard as he stands preaching from his father's tombstone. His is the central figure, with the luminous, spiritual face, always hemmed in by masses of intense, earnest-browed toilers on whose soiled and begrimmed visages are written every shade of anxiety and despair, or of a deep abiding peace or of exultant hope. Thus to all classes he carried his message of hope and peace.

And where was the secret of his power? He himself said, "I simply

teach the plain old religion, the common fundamental truths of Christianity."

Religion of that age had lost its dynamic elements,—the vision of a Redeeming Christ, the message of a present and personal forgiveness. This man poured the current of a divine life through the burned-out soul of a nation, and its blackness became a luminous flame of God's glory. Indeed Wesley and Whitfield together were simply great spiritual forces awakening by their words, their voices, their presence the all but dead spiritual life. As early as 1738 their labors, their marvelous eloquence and intense conviction had roused men and women from their lethargy and had sunk into the souls of many thousands in all ranks of society. Not only upon the cheeks of the Bristol collier did the tears trickle down, but also upon those of the lordly aristocrat.

England needed above everything else this spiritual revolution, and God had chosen Wesley particularly as His priest and had sent him out with the divine message of righteousness and love. Not only was the spirit of worship quickened, but life began to be measured by justice and mercy.

English history can tell of few things more truly beautiful than is the story of this awakening tenderness. With it came a positive distaste for the former brutal and violent amusements. Bull-baiting, cock-fighting, and other repulsive games died out because the new sense of pity became sufficiently broad to embrace not only man in his needs, but also to include all living creatures. Fine illustrations of this breadth of vision are seen in two poems by Burns, first, "To a Field Mouse," and second, "to the Daisy." Indeed every phase of higher life seemed to take to itself a new meaning, so general had been this baptism of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

This religious fervor, this sympathetic awakening of the soul sent John Howard into the prison pens to make of their noisome horrors a decent protection for the criminal. It sent Clarkson, Wilberforce, and Pitt on their crusade against slavery. It sent Hannah Moore on her errand of mercy in behalf of the despised and degraded agricultural laborer. It sent Brown, Cary, and Grant into the foreign mission field. It cleared the clouds from the brain of James Watt, and made possible his inventions, and gave clearer vision to Sir William Hershel so that he could well sing, "The heavens are telling the glory of God."

It gave new life to the brush of Joshua Reynolds. It stirred the soul of Händel, and gave to modern music the art of pure emotion such as it had never before possessed. Can you imagine the first public presentation of "The Messiah" in Westminster Abbey? The crowded nave and transepts, King George II and his followers in a blaze of court glory, a symphony of hundreds of instruments and a chorus of many hundreds of voices blending with the waves of music from the great organ! Do you wonder that as the chords of the Hallelujah Chorus swept through the

arches of that grand old cathedral, the dissolute old king burst into tears, proving that even he could be reached by this masterly recognition of the Divine in that wonderful shout of exultation "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

Light was breaking for conscience will not always down. Before the middle of the eighteenth century the nation became too inherently emotional and religious to accept old standards. Hearts were again moved with pity, enthusiasm, and faith. Indeed, as if swept by a great wave of repentance, the nation seemed to cry out, "I will arise and go to my Father."

Naturally the literature of the nation lost its cold, formal intellectuality. Studied repression and brilliant cynicism were melting before the fervor of a rising spirituality. The dissolute levity that had followed the Restoration had earlier passed into a period of comparative decency. Addison's kindly but superficial restrictions upon fashionable follies, Pope's little vanities and polished verse, Swift's savagery and intriguing for place, despite his inward contempt and scorn for the world of which he is a part,—these all fortunately had served their day, and England's poets now began to sing songs that

"Babbled of green fields"

and of the loves and longings of the common people. The year that saw the ordination of John Wesley, saw also the publication of Allen Ramsey's "Gentle Shepherd," the first poem in the English language to treat sympathetically poor laborers, real shepherds and shepherdesses with the homely names of the peasantry, "Pattie" and "Peggy," who most naturally discuss their loves and sorrows and all the common concerns of their daily lives. This return to nature was passed on with a mighty impulse, and thus was sounded the key-note to the psalm of true life that has since filled the pages of our best literature.

Writing while under the spell of these changes of thought, Crabbe dwells tenderly upon the longings and poverty of the poor fisher folk on the coast of Suffolk, Thompson gives a little louder ring upon the same note concerning the dwellers of the moors, and Gray sings of the "mute, inglorious Miltons" and "Cromwells." whose dust lies in the Stoke Pogis church-yard,—men of ability but of the poorer class, who, had opportunity been theirs, would have left

"Foot prints on the sand of time."

Goldsmith sings of the parson who

"Was passing rich at forty pounds a year,"

but who was

"More skilled to raise the wretched than to rise."

Thus passed on the song of common brotherhood till it reached its full volume and intensity in Burns and rang out,

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the man for all that."

America took up the strain and the songs of freedom given us by Whittier and Longfellow, added to the forceful utterances of Lowell, prove that our poets were fit inheritors of the spirit that came with the Mayflower.

Another impulse in the same direction is found in the labors of bands of German Protestant women who journeyed with the armies of Napoleon caring for the wounded and dying; out of whose self-renunciation germinated and grew the great Kaiserwerth institution for deaconesses. Eighteen hundred and fifty brought their founder, Fliedner, to America to establish similar institutions in our midst, some of which still continue. And out of the seed thus planted has later grown and developed our own Deaconess Work.

Later came our Civil War, at whose root lay this same old thought of common brotherhood, that we are children of one Father, no matter what the color of our skin. Here also was exhibited the latent heroism of our American women, for did they not flock to the front as nurses on the battle-fields or in the hospitals, in the "Diet Kitchens" preparing suitable foods for the sick and wounded soldiers, and did not still others labor in the Christian Commission caring not only for the bodies, but also for the souls of the brave boys in blue? The mother instinct, inherent in the heart of every true woman, had found a field and could not forget.

Then came the sad condition of the three millions of freed slaves thrown out, as the result of the war, upon their own resources. What an appeal to those of the North who had caught the spirit of John Wesley! And our women perforce hastened to their relief. Thus among the many helpful organizations that then arose was born our Woman's Home Missionary Society. This backward glance is profitable if from it we can learn lessons for our future. Perfect consecration to God and to our cause is the only path to success.

Twenty-six years of active effort! How many of our early officers have passed into the beyond. A few only remain to us as leaders and inspirers. Upon us have fallen their responsibilities.

Are we doing all in our power? Are we simply to go forward with the work already established? What we are doing is beyond price to the recipients. In the name of all righteousness these branches of work must continue. But what next? Are we giving to our cities the attention that conditions in them demand?

Mark Guy Pearse has said: "Men make fortunes out of waste products." And Bishop Burt asks, "Why then can not the Church of God

make her fortune out of the waste of humanity?" and Why not, we also ask, when the ends of the earth come to our very doors and sometimes begin life under the very shadows of our churches? Here is the great opportunity of the thoughtful Christian and missionary worker. Will these Churches stay and meet these conditions, or will they sell out and buy in a more respectable neighborhood? This is a grave question, and upon its answer in multiplied cases may mean the weal or woe of our nation.

If, as has been said, the redemption of our cities means the redemption of America, and the redemption of America means the redemption of the world, ought we not instead to throw ourselves more and more against the evils of our cities? What means for the future the conglomeration of nationalities, segregation of Germans, Russians, Bohemians, Chinese, Japanese, and a dozen more peoples making cities of various tongues within any large metropolis?

God has sent these peoples to us, a Christian nation, that we may give them His Divine teachings and return them to their own people as His messengers. But how we permit them to be surrounded by our worst elements! Do you wonder that they make easy tools for corrupt politicians, and that they readily learn lessons so concretely taught. Do you wonder then that these foreigners become reckless in their morals, or that the burdens of life seem too heavy for bearing in the old, honest way when there is a shorter road to apparent success?

Out here deluged in God's free sunlight, invigorated by this clear, untainted atmosphere, measuring the possibilities of life by the sweep of the eye over these boundless prairies, how hard it is to call back the narrow, dark confines that we have seen and the battles we have been waging and must continue to wage in our great cities. You study the pictures of their prosperous business and residence streets, or their fountains and parks, and exclaim, "How beautiful!" But do you know of these cities as centers of anarchy and revolution? Do you know of their wretchedness, their misery, their physical and moral deformity and of their bestial iniquity? In them is the seat of our fiercest battles with evil, and each year adds to the difficulties of this civic problem which is ours to help solve. In the cities are concentrated all the forces of evil that threaten the Church, the nation, and even our civilization. If we fail here, we fail everywhere. Yet in the cities are also centers of commerce, art, science, and culture. If we win in the battle for righteousness, then blessed be our nation, and blessed be all mankind. May our Heavenly Father give us the needed money, the needed workers, and the needed wisdom with which to cultivate this part of His vineyard.

The world usually recognizes the arrival of a crisis; and usually in Church or State at such a juncture a hero or heroine is found ready for the emergency. Have we now reached a crisis? If so, how and with whom shall we meet it? Yes, the crisis is here, and it is to be met at least in part by our missionaries and deaconesses in our great cities.

The moral heroes of the past, Peter the Hermit, Bernard de Clairvaux, John Wyckliff, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, and many others, taught and preached and left the world better. Succeeding wars, political intrigue, Church dogmatism and greed were followed by great moral loss. Thus crest and hollow have marked all religious and philanthropic movements, but, thank God, each receding wave has left the world on a higher plane than did the recoil of the preceding. Thus the world moves on into the light, sometimes haltingly, but always surely onward.

Someone has startled us by saying, "The redemption of the world is now but a matter of dollars and cents." And is this not true when every year our schools and colleges are sending out hundreds of earnest, consecrated men and women whose souls are alive and burning with a desire to help the fallen? These young, strong soldiers of the cross would be glad to throw themselves into this glorious redemptive undertaking, if they could be provided with support and with tools for the work. Only give us the needed money and we will show you what these young people can accomplish.

If you doubt them and their possible success, examine the work of the Charity Organization Society and of the Social and University Settlements of New York City. You will find there men and women of the brightest brains, deepest culture and largest fortunes, giving their thought, lives, and money for the poorest of the poor, living in close touch with them, learning their needs and meeting their wants as brother unto brother. Money and earnest, thoughtful life are theirs—hence success.

But money with which to respond to a thousand calls should be won for our coffers. But how is it to be ours? First, we must interest thoughtful men and women who desire their gold to be used in God's service. Interest these good people in the great work so thoroughly upon our hearts, and let them see what greater work could be done with them as co-laborers.

Second, the next few years ought to multiply by large factors our present numbers. And more numbers would mean more money for our work, as well as the enlargement of the heart and life of those who join with us in this great labor of love. More money would mean the multiplication of institutions like Glenn Home, Boston Medical Mission, and other kindred charities in our commercial centers. More money would mean more Deaconess Homes that as spiritual light-houses would lighten the darkened canyons in our great cities. More money would mean the saving for Christ of the masses of homesick foreigners who even now are a menace to our nation.

An enthusiastic evangelist recently said: "Give me one hundred men with a passion for the salvation of this city, and I will answer for it—Boston shall be saved." A passion for souls—yes, that is it—a burning, never-resting passion and at the same time a passion pervaded by poise and love. If filled with this passion the gold and silver will be ours, the

men and women for service will be ours. Then with how much more efficiency shall we fight shoulder to shoulder against ignorance and inefficiency, against selfishness and incompetence.

But our battles are to be waged with the Sword of the Spirit, with the helmet of salvation and the breastplate of righteousness. These battles must be waged with the knowledge that wherever there is a human soul there is Christ; wherever there is a struggle for self-conquering, there is Christ; wherever there is sin, sorrow, and suffering, there is Christ saying, "I have come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." So full of life was he that the sick woman had only to touch the hem of his garment in order to be healed. So full of life that he had only to say to the tumultuous waves, "Peace," and they were stilled.

Christ has entered your life and mine to make them songs of inspiration concerning the story of Bethlehem, songs in minor keys filled with the sorrows of Gethsemane and of the agony of Calvary, and with songs that are peans of victory from the tomb in Joseph's garden. Freely have we received, shall we not freely give?

> "We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
> We have hard work to do, and loads to lift,
> Shun not the struggle, face it, 't is God's gift."

We are still in the morning of modern Christian philanthropy. The shadows and half-lights in human life and character proclaim the day that is even yet young. Let us hasten its advance. Let us study our own land, let every effort beneath her sacred skies be for the lifting up of some brother or sister who, but for us, would fare ill. Let us strive to hold our nation to a consecration for righteousness. Let political preference, patriotic devotion, and universal brotherhood in Christ ascend together through mingled flames from her altar. Then will this nation with her millions of untrammelled souls lead the kingdoms of this earth as in a mighty stream Godward, and move to the rhythm of that eternal anthem, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

REPORTS FROM BUREAUS.

GEORGIA.

Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Thayer Home was full and overflowing all the year, and we were compelled to refuse admittance to as many as were admitted. A few were lodged in Warren Hall and some of the teachers roomed in the Kindergarten building. It is a matter of regret that each year worthy young women must be turned away from this Home to seek in the industrial schools of other Churches the opportunities for domestic culture which we fail to supply. These are usually young women of our own Church, and not infrequently daughters of our Methodist preachers.

We are not only crowded for dormitory room, but for rooms for class work. The girls from Clark University come to Thayer for instruction in sewing and cooking, as well as for other industries, and as that institution grows there is more and more demand upon us to provide the room and appliances for the industrial training of the young women who are being educated there. Atlanta is a growing center and is the most important town in the South for our work, and I hope that the imperative need of a new Trades Building will be so laid upon the hearts of our women that there will be a general movement in that direction. The Freedmen's Aid Society has given us a lease on a fine location with abundant ground for garden and fruit orchard and for pasturage. I hope it will soon be occupied with a building that will be a credit to this Society and a perpetual fountain of blessing to the people for whom it will be built.

If the money appropriated, and promised, for this work had all been in hand, Miss Mitchell would not have been obliged to carry a debt through the summer, and be embarrassed with bills which she could not meet, but which were created on the pledges given at Annual Meeting.

Miss Drummer, our nurse deaconess, went to her work in Africa early in the year, and Miss Hall, our regular deaconess, will follow in the near future. They were valuable women, and will be greatly missed.

The income from board of pupils was $1,344, and from board of teachers, $536; from local tuition, $40; from class work, $104; beside $68 raised. Our expenses for table were $1,190, and for fuel, light, and other incidentals, $2,131.17.

Haven Home, Savannah, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The year was a prosperous one at Haven Home. We had thirty-seven girls in the home, and 230 boys and girls in day school. The girls were above the average in intelligence and good qualities. All but one became Christians during the year. Our new Domestic Science teacher was a success, and while the girls did excellent work in all lines, there

was nothing they enjoyed more than the lessons in cooking, sewing, and basketry. All the girls took lessons in sewing and cooking, and twenty-three took dressmaking. Three hundred and fifty new garments were made, including the hemming of table linen and sheets.

The schoolhouse which we have needed so long is now an accomplished fact, and we moved into it with great delight on the first of October. We expect the school to increase in numbers, and hope soon to start a kindergarten, for which we have a fine room and a host of waiting children. The income from the board of students and teachers was $1,131.50, and from day school $452.24. Beside this a new piano was partly paid for. We received from the Society $503.75 in Student Aid, and $407.00 for repairs, etc. We were short $197 on Student Aid asked for, and which would have helped nicely had we received it. Our expenses were for table, $1,679.48; fuel and lights, $197.45; repairs, $253.21; and incidentals, $115.91.

Mary Haven Home, Speedwell, near Savannah, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

This Home is the exponent of a fine settlement work among a very needy people. There is a great deal of outside mission work in looking after the children of the day school and visiting the old, sick, and helpless. Our missionary there must be the leader in Sunday-school and Epworth League, and also help in keeping up the little Church.

We had four girls in the house, and a day school of sixty-two pupils. We are happy in having such a worker as we have in this place. She is most indefatigable and her work is fine. After a day filled with work in Home and school, she is ready to teach night pupils, give music lessons, or any other work that needs to be done. Her assistant is a graduate of Boylan Home, and a fine girl.

We received $88 in board of teachers and pupils, $72.30 in tuition. The expenses were $139.53 for table, $48 for fuel and light, and $68.30 for repairs. We received from the Treasury $75 in Student Aid, and $175 for incidental expenses. A rummage sale netted $85.75, which Miss Troutner will use in putting a small addition to the house to increase size of dining-room. MRS. G. E. PALEN, *Secretary*.

FLORIDA.

Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Boylan Home has had a very satisfactory year notwithstanding the yellow fever scare at the opening of the school year. Miss Bever, the acting superintendent, and her excellent corps of teachers have fully sustained the high standard of the school and Home.

There were enrolled in the Home, 52; in the day school 300. The school closed May 29th, with one of the best Commencement weeks that Boylan Home has ever experienced, as stated by those who know its history. There were ten graduates from the eighth grade and two in the industrial course. An excellent exhibition in all departments was given during Commencement week.

Quite a gain has been made toward making this Home self-supporting. About two thousand dollars was received from board and tuition.

The teachers' and pupils' board has more than paid the table expense. While we received much less this year than last, all bills were paid and sufficient money left to open the school year.

There has been a number of changes in our faculty. With a new superintendent and a number of new teachers, we are trusting and praying that the coming year may be the most successful year in our history.

Boylan's greatest need now is new buildings and better facilities. We are hoping that the near future has in store for us modern and adequate buildings, providing an equipment where the work shall be carried forward with a credit to our great Society and honoring to the Master.

BOYLAN HOME SETTLEMENT.

This work is located in West Jacksonville, one of the most needy portions of this city, being in the factory district—truly a field ripe for missionary work. We are cramped for room, have three girls living in the Home with our faithful and devoted Miss Seward and her assistant, Mrs. Bookstaver.

There is a day school of between forty and fifty pupils, also a night school for those who are employed during the day. Sewing classes are carried on, not only for the children, but for the mothers.

In addition to the regular school work our teachers conduct the Sunday-school and Epworth League and help in all lines of Christian effort in this community. They visit from house to house as messengers of the Lord, seeking to help and bless, exemplifying the spirit of the Gospel.

This is one of the places where good second-hand clothing can be used, for these workers are finding so much destitution and distress.

The total receipts for the past year were $994.00, and the expenses were $1,013.00, leaving a small deficit.

The teachers on their return have been most heartily welcomed and the school has opened for another year.

BREWSTER HOSPITAL AND NURSE TRAINING-SCHOOL.

Brewster Hospital is carried on in connection with Boylan Home school, at Jacksonville, is one of the most interesting and most useful of the agencies of the Church in its work among the negroes of the South. It not only ministers to many poor and suffering people, but affords proper conditions for surgical operations not possible in the homes of the patients, and it also trains numbers of young colored women to become skilled in the art of nursing.

These nurses are in demand and find ready and remunerative employment among both white and colored, and do much to commend the Church and its work to the people of both races in the South.

We have hardly a more effective missionary agency at work in this part of the country than this excellent hospital. The city of Jacksonville affords no hospital wherein colored people are treated except the County Hospital. Brewster is well located, and with its full staff of visiting surgeons and physicians, of both white and colored, the best in the city, there seems to be no reason why the hospital should not speedily become a most potent factor in the uplift of humanity. There are three wards, two private rooms, and one operating-room where efficient work is done.

The hospital continues to grow in favor and in the confidence of the community, and must go forward. It has a great work to do, a mission to perform, and it will continue to prosper while those who have its interests at heart are permitted to labor for its upbuilding.

The hospital has been successfully managed during the last eleven

months by its present superintendent, Mrs. Olive Webster. It has promptly paid all its indebtedness, and each month has had a small balance. The income from all sources from October 15, 1905, to September, 1906, was $1,693.86; expenses, $1,655.75; balance on hand, $38.11.

During the eleven months there has been 96 patients cared for. Quite a number of them were extremely critical cases where the finest surgical skill and competent nursing were required.

Emerson Memorial Home School, Ocala, Fla.

(Scholarship, $50.)

This school has had a most prosperous year under the efficient management of Miss C. M. Buckbee. Her wise and capable leadership has brought a very high degree of excellence. It is indeed a "model home," and its helpful influence is not only felt in the community, but is far-reaching.

Eighty girls made application, but only forty-nine could be accommodated by overcrowding. If our building was as large again we could fill it to overflowing. Our students are earnest and faithful and the results most gratifying.

The sewing department has been very successful. Four hundred and eight garments were completed by the pupils, 208 samples. The graduating class made their own graduating dresses.

This coming year we will have a teacher in "domestic science" and more attention will be given to this department of instruction.

The finances of this Home are very carefully managed. The superintendent is gaining a little every year in making it nearer self-supporting. The past year we received from self help, $1,829.00. We made some necessary improvements without calling for special help. This has added practical comfort to the inmates of the Home. We painted the building and all bills were paid promptly, and we have a small balance in the treasury to open with the present year.

Our success becomes an embarrassment, and we must have a new school building to accommodate our students.

We had three full course graduates and one from the industrial. All of these will pursue their studies in higher schools.

The school has opened for this year and we trust this may be the best in our history. We are trusting Him who has promised to be with us always.

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Secretary.*

EAST CENTRAL STATES.

Allen Home and Lurandus Beech Industrial School, Asheville, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Our new school building was formally opened on New Year's Day with an interesting literary and musical program rendered by the Home girls, and addresses by several friends of the work. For this occasion we were obliged to rent chairs and borrow from the Home, but an entertainment given later by the girls, provided for the purchase of one hundred and fifty chairs for the chapel.

In April, Mrs. Marriage Allen, of London, England, who gave so largely to the building of the Home, and for whom it is named, made a visit of several weeks. During her stay she held daily religious meetings, and a remarkable interest was awakened. The good effects of these meet-

ings were evidenced later in more earnestness of purpose, more diligence in study, and greater care in the details of the work about the Home.

We had an enrollment of 48 girls in the Home, and 168 boys and girls in the school. Many of the girls who came to the Home were quite young and unusually crude, but at the close of the year they made an excellent showing in school and industrial work, and could scarcely have been recognized as the awkward, undeveloped girls who came a few months earlier.

Of the five graduates of last year, one is now a teacher in the Industrial School at Cowpen, S. C., another a teacher in the Episcopalian Mission School at Spartanburg, S. C.; another teaches at Catawba, N. C.; two are in service, one in the family of Governor Vaughn at Asheville, the other in a responsible position in a hotel. Two of the teachers who have helped to bring about these good results were trained by us as beneficiaries of the Society, and are now making return for this help by most devoted service.

Quite a number of improvements were made during the year. A large amount of grading was done to adjust the new building to the old. The rooms on the first floor were calsomined, and those of the basement story are now being freshened in the same way. With the help of the Indiana Conference we were able to get a fine new steel range, which was greatly needed.

Simpson Home, Orangeburg, N. C.

(Scholarship, $5.)

Our industrial work at this place, as most of our ladies know, is the training in domestic art and science of the girls and young women in attendance at Claflin University. The university makes large provision for the manual training of the young men, but leaves entirely to us the training of the girls, of whom there are about 200.

All are required to enter our industrial classes, which are graded, and taught by our three skilled women. Our cooking department is fully equipped and excellent work is done. We have classes for all grades in educational sewing, drafting of garments, dressmaking, and millinery, and are providing as satisfactory and thorough training for the girls as Claflin, with its large industrial equipment, does for the boys.

Browning Home and Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Both Home and Academy were filled to the utmost capacity, there being 276 boys and girls in the school, and 90 girls in the Home. We were obliged to put chairs in the aisles of the schoolroom, and to finish the four large rooms in the attic of Babcock Chapel, which furnished accommodation for sixteen more girls. The money for the completion of these rooms $225 was provided from our tuition fund.

Most faithful work was done by our teachers, both white and colored, in the school, and the industrial work in the Home, with the cooking classes was most carefully looked after by our superintendent and matron.

At Browning the religious interests of the pupils are never overlooked. There are daily morning services in the chapel, evening devotions in the study, and frequent prayer-meetings in the afternoon, conducted by the girls. The Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and the Epworth League are well sustained. Our plantation Sunday-school and in-

dustrial classes are still carried on and are most fruitful in good results. The Help and Mercy Department of the Epworth League has done a considerable amount of missionary work in the city in caring for sick and helpless persons. One hundred and forty-two girls have had daily lessons in the sewing department, and forty-five girls have had daily instruction in music. Both of these departments are self-supporting, except the salary of the teacher.

From our tuition fund we have paid the salaries of three assistant teachers, finished the four rooms in Babcock Chapel, and put electric lights in the school building and chapel.

A fire early in the winter from a broken lamp, and a similar accident a year since, convinced us that the large number of coal oil lamps used in these three buildings was a constant source of danger, and that we must change the method of lighting. No appropriation had been made for any change, but Miss Rose solicited from tourists and colored people the amount needed for the Home, which was $135. The $150 needed for the other buildings came from the tuition fund.

I have made my report as brief as possible in order that in the time allotted me I should be able to ask this representative body of our Society a question, and it is whether you think we have a lessening of interest in our colored work in the South. Is the African in our own land, brought here by *our will, not his*, of less interest to us than those of the race remaining in the native land? Are we less responsible for his salvation or present welfare? This question has come to my mind because of the past year of study which most of us as members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have given to Africa.

The closing study of the year was South Africa, a country colonized by three great Christian nations, but in need of missions to-day because these barbarous people fell into confusion regarding moral law, as they were obliged to interpret Christianity by the conduct of the white men whom they encountered in war, in contest for the possession of their lands and families, in trade, as employer, or even as legislators. That country is in need of missions to-day because through three centuries of Christian domination, Christian principles have either lain dormant under the greed of gain, or been trampled in the dust by baser passions.

At the present time fourteen great missionary societies are working in South Africa, and the missionaries are there not only to teach repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but to stand between inherited superstitions, and the inroads of civilization, between the greed of the colonist, "who wants the earth," and the aroused natives, warring against displacement. It is a racial struggle between white and black, between industrial power and political dominance on one side and five times as many people, ignorant but aroused, on the other side.

And the Christian world multiplies its agencies there, puts its missionary stations everywhere, plants great industrial training-schools like that at Lovedale, and our own Woman's Foreign Society, after a full year of study, pledges itself to greater effort for Africa.

In the Africa in our Southland there are not only individual souls to be saved, but help is needed in the reconstruction of industrial, social, and political life. (MRS.) E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary*.

WEST CENTRAL STATES.

Ritter Home.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Reported by Mrs. D. L. WILLIAMS.

Ritter Home has been quietly doing its work for just fifteen years. In that time 915 girls have received in it instruction and an impulse to a better and broader life. Last year ninety girls were received into the Home and ninety-three were turned away. As this is the only Home for girls attending the Freedmen's Aid Society school at Athens, to decline taking them into Ritter Home keeps them out of the school, so that we feel compelled to make the largest provision possible for them. For eight years, at least, in anticipation of the need of enlargement, a fund has been accumulating for the purpose, till at the end of the last year the Home had $7,500 to its credit. Since that time it has had several gifts from persons entirely outside our Society, so that we now feel authorized to add a wing to the building. The plans are drawn, the specifications made and bids asked. We do not expect to make any debt or ask the Society for any money for the addition. But want while building thoroughly to repair the building we have. Several of the floors are worn out, some of the sleepers in the basement are decayed, the laundry is much too small, and the building has never been sufficiently heated. It is the purpose to extend the new heating plant into the old part. The appropriation granted for these improvements and repairs is $1,500, every cent of which will probably be needed.

Ritter Home is one of your largest Homes in the South and has been managed with great economy. With an attendance of from fifty to eighty pupils the average cost of the Home to the Society for the fifteen years, exclusive of Student Aid, has been $931.66; this includes teachers' salaries. Of course, so large an institution could not have been carried on that sum if you had not been generous in Student Aid. With this amount the grounds have been graded, walks built, the property neatly fenced, the entire house has been papered, the exterior has been painted three times, water and electric lights have been put in, and a large furnace and a large kitchen range, and the furnishings have been kept in repair.

But wood decays rapidly in the South, especially where it is near the ground, and there must be extensive and thorough repairs of the decayed timbers and flooring. The rear hall floors and stairs are badly worn, some partitions must be removed, windows changed and doors made, in adjustment to the new part. You have always been proud of Ritter Home, and you will wish it to be as completely equipped for its work as it can be made, and this is what its Committee is most desirous to do.

New Jersey Conference Home, Morristown, Tenn.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The self-help in this Home amounts to $710.25 this year, which was enough to furnish all table supplies: Some needed repairs have been made, others will have to be made this year. The building will have to be painted.

Our sewing school reports over five hundred garments made—more sewing machines are needed. Excellent barrels of clothing and supplies have been sent, for which we heartily thank our kind friends; we are also indebted to them for sufficient money to meet all of our financial obligations, and give us enough to open our work this fall.

Our teachers remain the same this year as last, for which we are glad, as they are well fitted to do this much needed work, and we ask for them your continued sympathy and support.

Kent Home, Greensboro, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

A year of faithful work has been done, more girls have been taught in the home than in any year previous. Quite a gain has been made in the way of self-support. Our girls are interested to help themselves and also to help the Home. They gave an entertainment, "Queen and a Kingdom," and earned money enough to set out a hedge in front of the house. We have also set out quite a little orchard of fruit trees which will be a help to us in the near future.

We wish to thank all who have aided us financially. Bills are all paid and enough money on hand to open the Home and pay for our coal for another year. We desire to add a teacher for domestic science this year that our girls may have more thorough training in our cooking department. Our teachers remain the same.

MRS. T. PRESCOTT FROST, *Secretary.*

MISSISSIPPI.

E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss.

(Scholarship, $50.)

It was my privilege to visit Rust Home just before the close of the year last May, and I was not only interested but very much pleased with the report of Miss Ella Becker, the superintendent, of good work done the past year. Twenty-six girls, the full number who can be accommodated, had been in the Home the entire eight months.

The interest taken in the industrial work of the Home, and the development of Christian character had been more marked than in any previous year.

While there is room for, and great need of, much improvement in the building, I found it neat and clean, and kept in good order by the systematic manner in which the girls are required to work. And good scholarship was reported in school work. This year we had no graduate from the University.

The sewing-room was like a busy hive when from twenty to thirty girls from both the Home and Rust Hall gather for each period for instruction given by Miss Rebecca Barbour, who has charge of the sewing department. At the time of my visit the girls were busy finishing making their white dresses for Commencement, the sewing on which would compare favorably with that done by our girls in the North.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts for the year	$1,555 56
Expenditures	$1,134 25
Balance at close of the year	$421 31

We are very anxious that conditions the coming year will be such that we can build an addition to the house and also build a new laundry.

Miss Becker says that the indications are that the Home will be full, and many who are anxious to enter can not be admitted for want of room. She urges the necessity of *more student* aid.

Bennett Home, Clarkson, Miss.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Going from Holly Springs to Clarkson, I spent three weeks at Bennett Home. I am able to report a successful year for the Home; number of pupils enrolled, sixty two; average number per month, forty-two.

Many of the girls had left before the close of the school, as they were needed at their homes to help in the cotton fields, only thirty remaining during the last month. They were a bright, lively set of girls, and all seemed to have made good use of the opportunities afforded them both in the Home work and in the school.

Miss Jeannette Carpenter was assisted by Miss Ethel Stewart in the culinary department. Mrs. J. M. Maxey had charge of the sewing department, an exhibition of the sewing was given the day before Commencement, and was visited by over a hundred people, who were delighted to see the beautiful work which had been done by their daughters.

Their appreciation of what the Woman's Home Missionary Society is doing for the betterment of their children, both in industrial and scholastic training, gives encouragement for greater efforts for their education in the future.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts	$1,924 36
Expenditures	1,738 31
Balance at close of the year	$186 05

Bennett Home opened September 4th with thirty-seven girls enrolled. Miss Jeanette Carpenter superintendent, Miss Ethel Stewart in charge of the culinary department. The sewing teacher to be supplied.

During vacation some needed repairs and improvements were made. The office and dining-room were papered. A new steel range was put up in the kitchen, and a large supply of new cooking utensils in the pantry, a crate of fine white dishes for the dining-room and a galvanized iron bake-oven was also set up, so that there will be no lack of *equipment* in that department. The balance *saved*, by the good management of our superintendent, enabled us to buy these new supplies.

Miss Carpenter is very anxious that there be at least ten scholarships for Bennett this year.

Bennett Academy.

On May 16, 1906, was closed the most successful year for the school since it came under the management of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Professor J. M. Maxey, with his efficient corps of teachers, is to be congratulated on account of the good results evidenced by the examinations passed by the students, nine of whom graduated, being the largest class ever sent out from the Academy. Seven young men and two young ladies. Miss Bertha Maxey, daughter of our President Maxey, and Miss Iris Hawkins, of Clarkson. Three of these young men go out to prepare themselves for ministers. It was my privilege to present to this fine class their diplomas.

With deep regret I accepted the resignation of Professor Maxey, who

for the last four years has given his time and best efforts to this school, he thinking it advisable to seek a position where his daughters could have more advanced educational opportunities.

For the ensuing year, the Rev. C. H. Wertenberger has accepted the presidency, his wife the department of science, and Miss Grace Wertenberger teacher of music; Miss Esther Stewart, mathematics; Miss Margaret Taylor in the primary department.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts	$3,632 40
Expenditures	2,544 87
Balance	$1,077 53

Out of Bennett Academy balance we paid largely for the addition built to Dickson Hall last year, and the salary of one of the teachers, in all amounting to $985.63, leaving a balance which Professor Maxey paid over at the close of the year of $91.90. Fifty dollars of this was sent to Professor Wertenberger to open up the work this fall. We have now $41.90 on deposit for incidentals.

The opening of school is said to be a *record breaker*, as the enrollment was 124 students. Even with the addition of thirteen new rooms at Dickson Hall, they are unable to take care of all who have applied this fall.

Dickson Hall.

The boys' boarding-hall, while answering the purpose of a dining-hall, is anything but a comfortable home for the young men.

Last year an addition of thirteen rooms was built to the dormitory, and during the summer vacation just ended the rooms were ceiled and finished up, so that there is now enough room to accommodate the students this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Holland will continue in charge for this year.

In making these improvements we have been as economical as possible, using the material in what was the old Bennett Home. We had the ceiling taken off from there and put on to the new building, thus saving a large bill for new material.

In taking down the old home, a portion of which was left standing, we have had made into a workshop, where will be given this year, for the first time, manual training for the boys. Professor Wertenberger is a practical carpenter and has taken his tools with him.

This will be the beginning of the industrial training which I promised the boys when I talked to them last spring should be inaugurated just as soon as we could arrange for it, little thinking that we would be so fortunate as to secure a teacher for that department this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts	$523 80
Incidentals	96 36

All bills paid at close of year.

MRS. HENRY C. HEDGES, *Secretary*.

WEST SOUTHERN STATES.

Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Our year has been one of success, which is a compensation for the hard work done there. We have graduated this year three only, but the quality, I believe, may make far more than numbers, and these young women are a credit to our institution as well as to our Home.

Bible first and always in this Home. The acquaintance these young women have with the Bible is wonderful, I assure you. At the same time domestic science and art are carried on in a very thorough manner, so while these girls can cook well and understand housekeeping, they are not ignorant of the art of home-making—two different things, I think.

We have made a home for seventy-eight girls in the past year. Girls under most rigid law, though in perfect sympathy and love with the superintendent. I am charmed with the discipline of the Home. Of these seventy-three girls there are sixty-eight communicants in the Church. A far better showing that we Northern people can make in our Church schools, I dare say. I also find better order, more quiet attention to duties and a greater heart service among these Home girls than I have observed in many of our boarding-schools in the North, where every need is gratified and every wish respected. I want to give credit where it is due, so shall divide it between the superintendent and the girls. It is said that the child mirrors its parents, so I think it is with these girls in the Home; they show their training, and while the work is hard, we forget it in the thought that we have accomplished some good for God and the upbuilding of citizenship while we remain on earth.

All of these girls attend lectures; all attend Church and Epworth League.

We have not done all of the work of repairing I wish we might have done, but, like the rest of you, are determined to be meek and get along as best we can, trusting that we may be allowed a more generous apportionment this year than last. In planning new work, do not let us neglect our old.

Peck School, New Orleans, La.

Since the burning of Peck Home in 1897, we have been housed by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and for this reason we can not give our girls the home life we do at Adeline Smith Home. We, I believe, are doing a most excellent work there. We graduated seven girls this year from domestic science class. It is the aim to give no girl a degree from the University unless she has taken this course in domestic science. It was very late in last year's work before we secured a sewing teacher, Miss Karibee having begun the work but being obliged at the end of the first week to resign, since she was too ill to continue. We now have Miss Lula M. Wilcox, who had just finished a course at Ames, Iowa, and is very well prepared to handle not only her own work, but the domestic science as well in all of its lines. I have made her superintendent of our whole work of Peck School, and as we secured a very good woman (a Mrs. Mary Hall, of Lawrence, Kansas,) for cooking, I have great hopes for the coming year, together with some regrets. I wish we might have Peck Home rebuilt. I understand that there was a goodly sum appropriated at one time for it. If so, or if we can have such a Home by a little sacrifice, should we not do it.

We have in our sewing classes, 103, with twenty-three recitations a week. We are in need of an assistant very much, and are trying to see our way to secure one. In our cooking classes we have ninety-eight girls and twenty-one recitations per week.

President and Mrs. Knight are good friends of ours and speak very highly of our new teachers. But for Miss Page, our city missionary, our Italian and French work would be no more, but thus far she has kept it alive, though we have no teacher and no preacher, she having her little Sunday-school in that locality where many of them live. I met the little folks while there and it did me good to see their love and confidence for and in Miss Page. Miss Page reports monthly, and to give an idea of her work, will say that she makes more calls than there are days in the year, besides attending two Sunday-schools a week, and giving out Scripture cards, receiving visitors in distress amounting in numbers into the hundreds in one year, you will see that she, too, is a busy woman and must needs be filled with the grace of God.

MRS. IRVIN FRENCH, *Secretary.*

TEXAS.

What can give more pleasure than to see the unfolding of rudimentary powers and the development of character in the young? This joy has been ours in the uninterrupted progress of our homes—in the Bureau for Texas. Coming to us, as many of them do, from the one-room cabin, with its depressing, intellectual, and moral influences; knowing nothing, and with everything to learn; we have seen mental and moral growth which is simply marvelous.

King Home, Marshall, Texas.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The attendance at King Home was not so large this year by seventeen boarding pupils, nor were there so many day scholars. The yellow fever quarantine extended into October, and affected all the schools in the region of infection, and prevented many from resuming their studies. We suffered less than Wiley University. However, two hundred and sixty two students were under our instruction during the year. Most excellent work has been done in all departments.

We have four courses, domestic science, plain sewing, dress-making, and draughting and millinery. Seven graduated this year. All the pupils take some literary work, and are carefully trained in morals and religion. Many of these girls go forth from our Home with genuine Christian character. This is our chief aim, to give moral fiber to these nature people, so as to make them potential for good among their race. We have made some repairs and improvements. Electric lights have been put in, and a room fitted up in a temporary way for the domestic science department. The house has been painted, some of the rooms papered, and other minor repairs, at a cost of about seven hundred dollars, from the receipts of the Home, save some help which was given by the Conferences on current expenses. We have no debts. We have some pressing needs. We specially need an addition of two rooms to house our domestic science department. Our laundry is now in the cellar, which is very inconvenient and unsanitary. We want new bathroom fixtures, and greatly need a teachers' bathroom. I do not favor the appeal for a horse and surrey, in the *Woman's Home Missions,* as we can not now afford such a luxury. Miss Simmons, at the head of the sewing department, resigned, and Miss

Minta Hungerford has been appointed to the position. She has taken the Pratt system, and comes highly recommended. Some of our girls have shown marked talent in music and in poetry. The nurse still lingers with us. Sallie Dixon, who hid her money in the earth, so as to be able to attend school, wrote a very creditable hymn. Others have taken prizes for excellent work.

The outlook for the present year is good. Our largest patronage comes from the most influential class of the colored people, and the pupils are remaining in school for three and four consecutive years, thus enabling us to see results. Miss Robertson and her assistants have done most efficient work and deserve all praise.

Eliza Dee Home.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The Eliza Dee Home has been full to its utmost capacity. We can accommodate only sixteen boarding pupils by putting a cot in the hall. We have had one hundred and fifty-eight in the day school. Miss King has managed well and returns another year, as does Miss Wheeler, the sewing teacher.

Our needs here are great. We imperatively need a wing to accommodate our industrial classes, and give more room for boarding pupils. With the crowded condition of Samuel Huston College, they will soon not be able to give us the present room, which is not adequate to our needs. I am at a loss to know what to do, unless we can build this addition in the very near future.

There never was a more critical time in the history of the negro race since the war. The sympathy of the public is not, to say the least, ardent. There is a desperate effort being made in literature and by the secular press, to depress and misunderstand them. The belief in their capability, notwithstanding all that they have done, is being undermined; and all this prejudice is not in the South either. It is a great task to lift a race out of semi-barbarism, ignorance, and superstition. Hied away to themselves in dark masses, with few leaders or guides, is it a wonder they feel

"I am black, I am black,
And yet God made me, they say,
But if he did so, smiling back
He must have cast his work away
Under the feet of His white creatures,
With a look of scorn—that dusky features
Might be trodden again to clay?"

Are we losing the thought that we have a mission to these helpless ones? *Souls* may be white, though encased in ebony. Surely they are of the one blood and He who notes the fall of the sparrow has heard their cry and has called *us* to give them the "Bread of Life." May God speed the day when "None will be elated while one man is oppressed!"

"For mankind are one in spirit
And an instinct bears along,
Round the earth's electric circle,
The swift flash of right or wrong;
Whether conscious or unconscious,
Yet humanity's vast frame,
Through its ocean-sundered fibers.
Feels the gush of joy or shame;
In the gain or loss of one race,
All the rest have equal claim."

(MRS.) LAVANDA GASSNER MURPHY, *Secretary.*

WHITE WORK IN THE MOUNTAINS OF ALABAMA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

*The Rebecca McClesky Home, Boaz, Ala.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Owing to peculiar conditions which differ greatly from other sections, the attendance in these mountain schools is very irregular. So far removed from the highways, these people have not kept pace in education or modern customs, and do not appreciate the necessity or advantages to be gained.

During the year 1905-06 there were sixty girls in the Home for more than three months and forty-eight for more than six months. There was not a case of serious illness during the year, and a remarkable degree of good health. The girls were so appreciative of their opportunities they made unusual progress in their studies, while the work of the Home was accomplished with ease and little friction. This was due, of course, to wise management, and the helpful spirit of both teachers and pupils lightened the burden.

Much advance was made in the sewing department under the systematic training of Mrs. Dorsett, who is a thoroughly trained tailor and seamstress. There is great need, however, of good sewing machines. We had a fine exhibit of garments made and dishes cooked during Commencement week. Two silk quilts were pieced and another will be presented to the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the benefit of one of our Western Bureaus. The Commencement was the best we ever had and the results of the year's study proven in the fact that out of forty-two girls who took the examination for teachers' certificates, thirty-eight passed. The girls who went home during vacation won the approval of the people where they lived, and the Home was effectively advertised. Epworth and Junior Leagues were organized, Sunday schools became enthusiastic, and homes were made brighter. So one Home is crowded for 1906-07. There were 125 applications one month before school opened. With the addition of sixteen new furnished rooms, finished in the attic, we can care for 100. Appeals come frequently from orphan girls whose parents are invalids or poor renters, with no one to help them, and no means of earning money to get an education.

(Illustration).—One girl came who had worked all the year indoors and out, for her board and $15.00, begging to be helped to an education, that she might improve her condition.

Two girls with a blind father want places in the Home, and many want to work their way. So we are overwhelmed with appeals from the worthy poor, and our opportunities are limitless.

The industrial feature is ideal, and just meets their need. Parents are anxious to have their daughters learn to do housework. It is placing womanhood in a higher sphere, removing her from forest and field to her rightful place in the home. It is training the mothers of the next generation in economy and thrift as well as nursing the sick.

(Illustration.)—We had a practical lesson in paper-hanging, and the boy who helped, said: "It is the first time I ever seed paper put on this here-a-way. I reckoned you 'd tack it on."

Our Home is in itself an educator, although it is not yet furnished as a model Home should be. A water plant has been added, but no engine to run it, so the girls each take their turn at pumping.

*This Home has been totally destroyed by fire since this report was written.

Two cows furnish much milk, the garden yielded well, and some of the trees we set out last year bore luscious fruit. So the Lord has smiled graciously upon us.

Five of the girls worked during the summer in cotton mill districts and accomplished much good. Through Miss Hayes, our settlement worker, hundreds have been brought to Christ, and a multitude of women and children helped to better conditions. Death entered the Home during the summer and took our faithful Mr. Harris, who had been with us two years.

We are thankful to God for His care, and as the field opens on every side, we hope for equipment sufficient to reach and save hundreds.

The Ebenezer Mitchell Home, near Lenoir, N. C.

(Scholarship, $00.)

Opens with brighter prospects this year. We have here two of our best and most experienced missionaries, and they are winning their way through many discouragements and much prejudice. The people are not only poor, but scattered. A forest fire last spring burned up many of our trees and scorched others so they had to come down. They were sold standing, and a portable sawmill brought by the purchaser to saw them into boards. One of the teachers writes that while this work was going on, and they could see the sparks from the engine and hear the buzz of the mill, they almost imagined themselves in the midst of large manufacturing interests, which was pleasant. You need to understand their loneliness and isolation to appreciate this.

There were thirty pupils enrolled last year, and most of them came through trackless woods and over hills, as there are no roads, to be dignified as such, leading to our schools, and the attendance was very irregular.

The missionaries remained at their posts all summer because it seemed expedient, and the time was not lost. They had a stone curb built around the spring, which is our water supply, and the water piped to a wooden receptacle about fifty feet from the house; they also gave lessons to a boy who staid with them, and a little girl in the neighborhood. This boy, Tom, had typhoid fever and was tenderly cared for, but the doctor had to drive nine miles each way.

Community Schools.

Reported by MRS. D. L. WILLIAMS, Chairman of Committee.

How did the Community Schools originate?—The preachers of Blue Ridge Conference in North Carolina were anxious for the location of a school and Industrial Home for girls in their Conference, but could not agree as to the place. So the General Corresponding Secretary suggested that if at six points where there seemed to be a crying need of a school the presiding elders would take the responsibility of employing a teacher and keeping a good school open eight months, the Woman's Home Missionary Society would furnish $100 to each school. This would be half the salary of the teacher.

What were to be the conditions as to teachers?—The teacher was to have secured a certificate to teach from the school authorities, she was to be a Methodist with the missionary spirit, was to work in Sunday-school and help sustain an Epworth League, and if possible play the organ and lead the singing.

Who named them Community Schools?—The presiding elders and preachers.

How many years since they begun?—This is their third year.

Have they been successful?—They have been eminently successful. Some excellent teachers have been employed in them, and the presiding elders have spoken in the highest terms of the results.

Have they had good school buildings and appliances?—They have had very poor buildings, sometimes teaching in a church, sometimes in rooms with benches without backs, or desks upon which to write. They have been without maps, blackboards, reference books, or other needed appliances, and yet the schools have been well attended and have been far in advance of the average school in similar neighborhoods.

How many schools are provided for?—Six; two in each presiding elder's district.

What will be the outcome of this work?—Some one point will be found to be the natural educational center and probably a school will be located there with these little schools as feeders until the time comes when good public schools can be sustained for eight months in the year. Now the public schools where these schools are located are only four months or less. Our teacher teaches the public school, and then goes on with our school when the public school is finished. That lasts only till the public money is exhausted.

What can we do to help these schools?—As we have no property and the school may not be in the same neighborhood this year that it was last year, the only thing we can do is to help with supplies, picture cards, simple reading matter, helps for celebrating Christmas, Washington's birthday, etc. It would be well if each school could be the special care of some Church or congregation who would write encouraging letters, receive reports, etc., and so inspire and help the poor, hard-worked teacher. She would be encouraged by some suitable remembrances from time to time.

Do we have the same teachers from year to year?—Yes, and no. Several of our teachers we have had for successive years, but one of our best is recently married, and another has left the State. As we employ them but four months of the year we can not expect them to stay with us if they can do better.

Bishop Mallalieu says: "The Community School solves the problem of education in the sparsely settled and poor neighborhoods of the Highlands of the South. I wish you had them not only in North Carolina, but also in Tennessee, North Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. Fifty of them would be none too many."

MRS. O. P. MCCARTY, *Secretary.*

WORK FOR AMERICAN HIGHLANDERS.

In every kind of Christian work the opportunities for service seem always greater than the power of grasping them. It is particularly so in this branch of Woman's Home Missionary Society work. The needs are very great, and there is so much dormant power in the young people, needing only proper inspiration and direction to develop it in the right direction. All that lies in the power of our few consecrated workers is done, for every kind of Christian service is given by them. They teach and preach, they minister to and comfort, they advise and organize, always striving to uplift and inspire to a higher, nobler kind of living.

Miss Walmer, one of our faithful workers, was called shortly before the year closed, to another part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society field. She will be missed by those to whom she has been very helpful in her work here. In addition to her regular work, she has, during the past year, given very efficient service at times, as travelers' aid deaconess. Many young country girls, ignorant and unaccustomed to travel, have been protected and helped by her—in some cases actually saved from falling into evil hands.

Miss Hayes, who has served under the Committee during the year, has worked altogether in the mountains of Alabama. Her headquarters is at our beautiful Home in Boaz, where she is often of valuable assistance to Mrs. Elder in the Home. Much of her work is evangelistic in character, and in that way she reaches the hearts and homes of the people very quickly, and so is ever ready to give the service most needed. Her work is very successful, and homes are more readily opened to her, perhaps, because being a native of the section, gives her a more sympathetic understanding of the people and their needs.

Miss Frickey, who had been away for over a year, was most warmly and heartily welcomed when circumstances permitted her return in August. Her helpful and devoted service of the past years had made her well known over East Tennessee, and greatly endeared her to the people to whom she has gladly returned. She is especially helpful to young people, and has touched the lives of many young women and girls who have become Christians, and are leading helpful, consecrated lives through her influence. During her absence she kept in touch with many of these young women, and now takes up her work again with stronger faith and renewed strength. Miss Frickey receives her mail at Ridgedale, Tennessee, where it is always forwarded to her, and she will be glad to reply to questions concerning her work, or give information to any one interested.

The field is a broad one, but the work, though often difficult, is sweet and fruitful. How great the compensation for hard work when bright girls are being taught to understand and fit themselves for the best things in life—for the responsibilities that a good life must bring to every woman—and when the boys are being educated to recognize what is noble and manly and good. Above all, when the young people are made to realize that the problems and difficulties faced in every life can only be solved by cultivating that Divine love in the heart that clothes every thought and act with charity and grace—then we can thank God that he accepts and blesses our service.

MRS. R. J. MILLER, *Chairman of Committee.*

UTAH.

The hopes of years for the Utah Bureau have come to fruition. From a material standpoint more than our fondest dreams have been realized in the results of the year.

By a fortunate sale of our Deaconess Home property in Salt Lake City, which was located within a third of a block of the heart of the business center and which was neither suitable nor comfortable for a Deaconess Home, we were enabled to put into the treasury of the Society a creditable sum, purchase a new Home, thoroughly modern in all of its appointments, and beautiful for situation, and repair or build at all of our other stations save one.

Deaconesses.

The members of our Davis Deaconess Home family were wonderfully blessed with health and courage, as well as a sweet spirit during the trying transition period from the old house into the new one.

Waiting for builders and moving in before they are out is not a pleasant experience, even in private life; but the end justified the means, and I am firm in the belief that no happier or more comfortable deaconess family can be found than the one at 347 Fourth East Street, Salt Lake City. Miss C. E. Robinson is still our superintendent. Long may this be recorded.

Miss Applegate has had the difficult task of serving two Churches. The Home study department is a great power in her hands, bringing results to both of these Churches, the value of which is beyond computation.

Miss Laney, who had served Liberty Park Church for five years, was appointed to First Church, and Miss Grace Mettler, from the San Francisco Training-school, will be with Liberty Park Church. Both Miss Laney and Miss Applegate have had cordial access to Mormon homes during the year, and members of these homes, both children and adults, have come through the Sunday-school to the Church and to a better realization of the duties of this life and of the Christian's trust for the life to come.

Mrs. J. D. Bailiff, recently from San Francisco Training-school, is appointed to Iliff Church. Miss Metzger, who served this Church faithfully for two years, is transferred to Southern California.

Miss Ida K. Watson, who at the opening of the year was serving the Scandinavian Church, was transferred in December to Logan to take the work of our missionary, Miss Willoughby, who was called home by the serious illness of her mother. It was hoped that her stay would be of short duration, but she did not return until August. Miss Watson in September entered upon service in Ogden. She is not overwhelmed by the fine prospect for work, and we predict that the new pastor will find her ready to cheerfully grapple with every discouragement or plan of endeavor.

Miss Lamb, who had won an enviable place in First Church, Salt Lake City, returned in August to serve one of the stricken Churches in San Francisco.

Because of these changes we have one vacancy which we trust will not long remain. A deaconess is greatly needed for Murray and Bingham Junction, to reside at the Junction, where a new church is to be built for the use of the nucleus of a Society which has been formed there. We have an appropriation for her support, and the people will provide a good home. Let one who desires real missionary work, come.

Missionaries.

Logan.—Much to the regret of all the work in Logan has had some interruptions during the year. Miss Watson remained until Miss Willoughby's return in August. At the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Society, Miss Willoughby was appointed to a position in Allen Home, Asheville, N. C. Miss Lulu Gamble assumes the duties of this station the first of November. We bespeak for her the same cordial reception and uniform kindness which has always characterized the friends in Logan toward our missionaries. Our missionary's rooms at Logan, through the good offices of Miss Watson, were thoroughly renovated, cupboards and a closet were added—made possible through the generosity of the Philadelphia Conference, for which the Home was named.

Provo.—Miss Josephine Kellogg remains in Provo. She is all to the Church and people that should be expected. At a series of meetings held during the winter, several united with the Church from Mormon affiliations. Our property at Provo, the East Ohio Conference Mission, has been greatly improved in adaptability and convenience for our work, as well as in appearance. An L for a kitchen and a porch were added, besides minor changes. The building was treated to a new roof and well painted throughout. Sanitary plumbing was introduced. Our property at this station is rapidly growing in value.

Mt. Pleasant.—Miss Bulow, who has stood in the community of Mt. Pleasant for all that is truly ennobling during almost seven years, will leave us in May to visit her mother in the homeland of Denmark. We trust that we may be able to find a worthy successor. Our property here has been greatly improved by the addition of a new room and such changes as will greatly add to the comfort of the missionary and the convenience of the Church. The entire building was repainted and newly roofed.

Schools.

Spring City.—Miss Willingham has diligently pursued the best ways known to her in the prosecution of all lines of our work in Spring City. For five years she has gone in and out before the people and won their entire respect, even if she was not able, because of somewhat changed conditions in the community, to keep up the number in her school to the half hundred she had had for three years. During the past year she enrolled twenty-five faithful and abiding pupils. Who can estimate the influence in this village, in a few years, of this comparatively small number of children grown to manhood and womanhood? Miss Willingham in August changed her name and address, being the third one of our Utah corps to take this course within the last three years. This proves surely that we do not write over our doors, "All hope abandon ye who enter here." Miss Bessie E. Ross is the worthy successor of Mrs. Sorenson. The work has opened pleasantly, and Miss Ross is happy in the added rooms, freshly tinted and painted. The new and excellent well is a welcome consideration and is a great improvement upon carrying water nearly a block and across a public unpaved highway included. The entire property has been well painted. We have now at Spring City good accommodations for a kindergarten, which we hope in the near future to open.

Moroni.—Misses Alice and Kate G. Thompson have had charge of our work in Moroni. A good degree of success has attended their labors. The school enrolled twenty-eight pupils. These young women were especially successful in Sunday evening services, seldom not having a creditable number, always respectful and orderly to listen to the Bible reading and join in the song service. This is full of significance. Miss Kate Thompson will be assisted the coming year by Miss S. H. Bobo, a lady of most successful experience as teacher and Christian worker. We have at this point a practically new cottage for our workers on the same lot as the school building and commanding a fine view of the mountains. The cottage is equipped with all possible conveniences. A well, a much needed and longed for luxury at this mission, will soon be realized.

Elsinore.—About two hundred miles from Salt Lake City we have our most southerly station, Elsinore, a pretty village at the foot of the mountains. Ninety-five per cent of the people are of the dominant faith, but kindly and cordial to our mission. Mrs. M. H. Passmore, who has

served us eleven years at this station, has made for the school a fine record. Beginning with less than a half dozen, she closed last May with an enrollment of sixty-eight. Mrs. Passmore realized that the future of her fourteen-year-old son demanded that she resign her position and remove East. This she did. May all good fortune attend her and hers. Mrs. Passmore and Miss Peterson, her assistant, are succeeded by Miss M. S. Dawson and Miss Zoe Bowers, teachers of experience. Miss Dawson is a graduate from a State Normal School, and Miss Bowers from the Ohio Wesleyan University. A high school department has been opened which we hope will attract the eighth grade graduates of the public schools, and our own pupils, to more advanced study. Here at Elsinore is our only entirely new cottage, attractive in architecture and as complete in conveniences as is practicable. Five rooms with cellar, closets and pantry, make a comfortable home for our mission teachers. Our properties here have been newly painted and a new vestibule added to the school building. We are also to have a bell, provided by the East Ohio Conference, its patron saint. For this gift all interested rejoice.

From a material standpoint we have, as a Society, great reason to be thankful for what has been accomplished in this field. Improved properties, thereby bringing greater comforts to our representatives; a better standing in the communities; honor to our Society, our Church, and our God, are the *visible* evidences of achievement; but the record of the silent influence of these women, consistent in Christian living, circumspect in demeanor, with a kind word and an outstretched hand for those who need the industrial work, the social meetings, the Sunday-school, the Home Study, the here a little and there much along all helpful and elevating lines, aggregate a record that the All Wise must and does keep. Were this not true our hearts would sink with dismay at the work before us in this field; but we must set our face, with hope intense and faith unshaken, toward future possibilities, strengthening what we already possess, lead out in broader lines eager for better and nobler service, "Never dreaming though right were worsted wrong would triumph."

MRS. B. S. POTTER, *Secretary.*

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA SPANISH AND ENGLISH WORK.

Harwood Industrial Home and School, Albuquerque, N. M.

(Scholarship, $70.)

There come times in the work of our lives when we may pause and with glad hearts erect a pillar, as did Jacob of old. Nineteen hundred and six marks an epoch in the history of our Missionary Work in New Mexico. For ten years, in our own building, we had taught girls who came from far and near to Harwood Industrial School. Over three hundred have been thus favored, and now there comes the refrain, from neat and attractive homes in many places: "I am what I am because I had the privilege of being a pupil in Harwood Industrial School." With our enlarged building, we have room for many more, but not yet fitted to take as many as we expect in the near future to enroll. Sixty pupils made a large family for our small force of teachers, who did well, considering their limitations. Our pupils varied in age from six to seventeen years, from the first to the seventh grade, the work and hours corresponding with the public schools.

Miss Cora Blood, a capable and experienced teacher in charge, won the love of her pupils. She found a faithful helper in primary work in our Miss Baker, who kept the books and attended to a large part of the correspondence.

One of our advanced grade girls went home at the close of the school year and entered a Summer Normal School. At its close, she received an appointment as a teacher in a public school, and, as there was opposition to her, we are glad to feel that she had ability and thus received deserved recognition.

In our sewing department there were three classes. The primary grades pieced blocks, hemmed towels, and outlined single patterns, and did part of their own mending. The next class joined the patch-work blocks, hemmed table napkins, learned hemstitching, made under-garments, as well as doing their own mending. The higher grades, or class of larger girls, quilted bedquilts, tied comforters, made garments, shirt waists, and several dresses. Once a week lessons in embroidery were given the two older classes, Miss Dickey being the faithful teacher in this department.

Mrs. Yarchow, with Miss Chavez, taught cooking, cleaning, and laundry work. Thus all departments were kept active and progressive.

We open this year with Miss Hattie Duncan, of Iowa, as Superintendent; Miss Cora Blood, school principal; with Miss Iva Salter, formerly of Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla., as primary teacher; Miss Eva C. Helm, of Sandwich, Ont., teacher of domestic science in kitchen and laundry; and Miss Cora Buschmann in the sewing department, completes the resident teachers. Miss Baker has become Mrs. Stevens, and Miss Chavez will soon change her name.

Our hospital was not used as such, and we hope that we may continue to be free from contagious diseases. However, we are ready in case there should appear a need of separation for any of our pupils.

Our heating system is to be completed this fall and we expect a great advance in all work with the added comforts. Colorado Conference completes the furnishing of our new school rooms by sending us twenty-five new desks. Many applications are coming for enrollment in our school.

Tucson, Arizona.

(Scholarship, $70.)

We closed our report a year ago with a hope that the air of Tucson, Arizona, might prove health restoring for our dear Miss Horton. In this, we were disappointed. She gave her life for Porto Rico, and, while she fought bravely, it was an unequal contest, and, late in December, she was not. Her spirit was freed from the suffering body, and her remains were brought by her friends to her home Church in Troy, N. Y. She sleeps with her kindred on a beautiful hill near that city.

Miss Buschmann was obliged to visit her home, Miss Inez Newhouse went out to serve in the Mission, and most tenderly and faithfully she cared for Miss Horton during the last two months of her stay on earth. As continued rest was found imperative for Miss Buschmann, Miss Newhouse cared for the mission as best she could, and early in the new year opened sewing classes and visited among the people, getting acquainted and ready for more aggressive work.

In the spring we moved to a house where a small school can be kept until we get our own building. Now we are offered a fine plot of ground on which to build. As soon as this can be done, we shall have a school of equal rank with Harwood School for the girls of Arizona at

Tucson. Nothing is in the way but lack of money for the purpose. Who will help in this? Until we are permanently located in our own building, we shall not be able to make large reports. There are plenty of girls who need the school, but until their people are sure of our permanence, they hesitate. After our visit this fall, we shall be able to report progress.

At El Paso, Texas, our friends are looking for our promises to be kept and the needed mission established there. Our lot is beautifully located and a house of moderate cost, where we could place Christian women to serve a great need, should be built at once. The never ending procession of health seekers, lonely strangers, mothers, sons, and daughters, who go to that Southwest to prolong their lives, need strong tender words and care to guide them into, or save them from drifting out of clean paths. A travelers' aid, a nurse, and Christian visiting missionary could save many a soul in this place.

There is a harvest to be gathered in this Southwest, and only by the generous love of God's children can the work be done. How can His children serve God, but by serving humanity, for whom He gave His only Son? (MRS.) ANNA KENT, *Secretary.*

INDIAN AND MEXICAN WORK.

Dulce, N. M.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The school at Dulce has not been as large the past two years as formerly. District schools have been opened in various sections for a short period; and workers, who could not speak the Spanish language, have in part caused the shrinkage, but now we have Mrs. Pearl Garrett Cordova for Superintendent and the work is assuming a brighter outlook. She has already been obliged to turn away eight pupils as she was not sure of support for so many free pupils. There are now some children of Mexican ministers, who can not support their families at all comfortably, who are anxious to send them to our school, also there are six half orphans who will have no opportunity of any education unless we take them in. Shall we take them or let them grow up in ignorance and degration—they who in a few years will be American citizens and voters? Shall we not help to make them citizens who will be a credit to our country and help to elevate their people?

Navajo Mission, Farmington, N. M.

(Scholarship, $50.)

For two years we have been working and praying for funds to bring water upon our farm at the Navajo Mission, near Farmington, New Mexico. After discussing various methods and consulting those who have had experience in irrigation and the conditions, it was decided to adopt the endless chain by horse power, which is considered the least dangerous and most desirable when most of the work was to be done by the boys of the mission.

The work was completed too late for very much to be grown this year, but some wheat, vegetables, and garden produce has been raised, and the family have been happy in eating things raised on their own ground. There is yet much to be done to make the work complete. The

ever-changing current of the San Juan River makes it necessary to build water-breaks along the river, where the bridge was swept away. All the farmers along the river are doing this to save their land and buildings from being carried away by the terrible freshets. We must also buy a horse to replace one of the team that is old and unable to do the work necessary, or we must have a team when the work presses in planting and harvesting time.

The children are doing most excellent work. Because of the visitation of showers of grasshoppers all vegetation on the farms of the Navajoes under the Cambridge ditch was destroyed and they were obliged to go to other parts of the reservation for food, and one man came fifty miles on horseback and brought his little son to the school. Others not coming in, Frank and a trusty Navajo called "Little Chief," have gone out on the reservation to bring them in. "Little Chief" is a very intelligent man and in greatest sympathy with our work. The sub-agent, who has supervision of the reservation on the north side, is a warm friend of our workers and speaks in complimentary terms of our missionaries.

MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, *Secretary.*

INDIAN AND FRONTIER WORK.

Pawnee Indian Mission, Oklahoma.

As was reported last year, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Murray, after six years of service at Pawnee Indian Mission, resigned and took a charge in the Oklahoma Conference. The work was discontinued until last March when Miss Kate Leebrick was sent as superintendent of the Mission. Soon after her arrival she was called to hold three funeral services. The first was that of a young man named David Wood, who had recently returned from the Indian School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She visited him in the camp during his sickness. When she stood beside him as he lay upon the floor of the tent, he said, "Tell me of God." She told him the "old, old story of Jesus and His love." It was a glad time in that tent that afternoon when he gave evidence that his peace was made.

During the greater part of March, April, May, and June, Miss Leebrick assisted in the Government morning Sabbath-school, giving an object lesson at the close of the session. Every other Sabbath morning a part of the school children (there was not room for them all) were marched to the little church after the Sabbath-school in the morning, and a service was held with the children and Indians who came. Every Sabbath evening a half-hour service was held at the school building for the Indian children.

During a part of July, August, and September, Miss Leebrick visited the Indian camps every Sabbath, taking with her the Sunday-school picture roll and small lesson pictures. One camp, six miles from the "Mission Home," over some steep, rocky hills, was reached about ten o'clock Sabbath morning. The Picture Roll was hung on a tree and the Indians spread their blankets on the ground and sat down to listen. The young Indians helped with the singing. Returning to the "Mission" to rest herself and the horse awhile, she then went to another camp. Here she hung the Picture Roll in the tent of a sick Indian and taught the lesson. He and his little blind girl were always so glad to see the missionary. Thus she taught the lesson in three or four tribes to earnest listeners.

The field is broad and white unto the harvest. Miss Leebrick needs a colleague as the opportunities are more than it is possible for one woman to use. Pray that some heart may be moved to provide a colleague for our faithful missionary, Miss Leebrick.

Ponca Indian Mission, Oklahoma.

Good work has been done at the Ponca Indian Mission. Rev. A. J. Simms reports as follows: "The condition of the Reservation Indians is far from satisfactory; many of these conditions are great hindrances to the work of civilizing and Christianizing the young. There is also a certain element among the whites living among the Poncas that tends to demoralize even the Indians. Our Agent, Major H. M. Noble, a faithful Christian man, has been indefatigable in his efforts to uplift the Indians and run the whiskey peddler, the horse thief, and the outlaw into the jail. His influence is felt everywhere for good. He and his Christian household are untiring workers in the Church and Sunday-school.

"We have two Sunday-school sessions, two church services, and a Junior League meeting each Sabbath. During the week we hold a young people's meeting and a Thursday evening prayer-meeting. All of these services are well attended. About one hundred and sixty scholars attend both Sabbath-schools, and about sixty attend the Catechism class. All literature used is ordered from the Book Rooms at Kansas City, and a collection is taken up at each session to pay for it.

"God gave us a gracious revival in the spring with the result that almost every boy and girl of the Sunday-school, who was not a Christian before, united with the Church; also some of the old Reservation Poncas and many of the whites residing among them.

The church building is about finished. It is a neat, substantial, frame structure, and will seat about two hundred. No outside help has been given us so far, though we have appealed through several different channels to the Church Extension Society. We have paid eight hundred dollars in cash for work and material, and shall owe about four hundred dollars. The building will be worth about fifteen hundred dollars when completed, as much of the work has been donated by the Indians.

Ukiah Indian Mission, California.

Rev. L. M. Ewing, Superintendent of Ukiah Mission, reports as follows:

"It is a pleasure to state that the health of the Indians has been better the past year than at any time since my term of service began.

"The Department at Washington has closed all of their schools, thus depriving us of the aid usually rendered by their teachers, who, fortunately, were Christian and missionary in spirit. *The Missionary teachers* are the best agents in the conversion of the people.

"The year began hopefully with good attendance and fine interest in the services. But protracted services planned for the winter, Christmas work, distribution of clothing, and all work was brought to a sudden end December 15th when a second and severe attack of la grippe prostrated the missionary. From that day to the latter part of March we were housed up. Storm, floods, and weakness closed the work. As many meetings were held as possible. Visits were made to some of the nearby stations and the work carried on as best we could.

"The different stations are organized into Churches, so far as possible, according to Disciplinary requirements. A general advance along

industrial lines is being made. The spiritual condition of the majority of the Church members is very good. The progress, religious life and character of these people are sufficient proof to the most sceptical that the efforts made in their behalf, and the money expended to keep laborers in the field, has been no unprofitable investment."

Rev. L. M. Ewing retires from the work this fall. All who have been interested in the work he has so faithfully done will wish him well and follow him with their prayers.

We now inaugurate a new work at the Ukiah Indian Mission and have sent one of our bright, consecrated young women to Ukiah to open a school for the Indian children. This work will need the steady, prayerful support of the Society that the best results may be obtained.

Stickney Memorial Industrial Home and School, Lynden, Wash.

(Scholarship, $50.)

This has been the banner year at Stickney Memorial Indian Mission. The Indians have never before manifested so deep an interest in the work nor been so willing to contribute towards its success. Hitherto it has been difficult to induce them to provide even shoes for their children who were at the Mission. But this year, learning that Mrs. Hall was a dressmaker, and that she was teaching their daughters to make dresses, they bought goods so that the girls might have nice new dresses of their own making. And even the eleven-year girls made their own dresses, and the work was a credit to the mission. They also have learned to make good bread and to do other sorts of cooking. The boys awoke to the fact that they, too wanted to know how bread was made, and joined the cooking classes. Mrs. O'Connor, the superintendent, says that the Indian children are so domestic in their tastes that if permitted to do so they would be down in the kitchen at five o'clock in the morning ready for their lessons in domestic science. Mrs. O'Connors writes as follows:

"When I accepted work in Stickney Memorial Indian Mission I did so fearing I could not do as my predecessor had done, but am free to say I did my best. During the year a kindly Providence has had us in His keeping. . . .

"Much of the success of the year is due to the faithful ministrations of my co-workers. A retrospect recalls many hard, trying scenes. The matron, Mrs. Elsa Hall, has given most unselfish service. Brother George Hall has made the farm an ideal place. The new walks, the bridge, and the clearing of the undergrowth gives an additional charm to the surroundings. Miss Walker's faithful, loving devotion to the work, and her rounded Christian education have been an inspiration to all in the Mission. . . .

"The school in February enrolled fifty, the largest number in the history of the mission. The future is most promising. Altogether, the year has brought great success to the work, and surely we have gained some wisdom from past experiences and inspiration from the noble example of those who have directed our work. The correspondence necessarily connected with the work has enlarged our vision and increased our information; and the words of encouragement bearing kindly messages to us have kept us in loving sympathy, which we shall cherish as a priceless treasure."

With the growing interest and increased attendance at the school comes added responsibilities and increased need for means to carry on the work of this great and growing institution. We expect still greater things this coming year and shall need the steady and strong support of all our auxiliaries.

"The Pottawatomies."

Mrs. Carrie Cope gives the following report of this work:

"We have no discouraging message to give of our work among the Pottawatomies of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Steves are all that we could desire, but they could do more if they were not so crowded for room; it is only a question of time when we will be compelled to build a five-room house for our workers and turn the present building into a school for industrial work. We need it now and they can not do their best work until they have it. Preaching service and Sabbath-school are well attended. Last summer we leased a five-acre field next to our place and fitted up a baseball ground; this was a great attraction to the Indian fellows, and they came in droves and remained until dark. This was a good investment, for our brother could get acquainted with them as in no other way. We have just purchased an excellent concert 'Graphophone' and hope to attract many of the Indians to the Mission through this agency. We are glad that we have a missionary who realizes the relation between baseball bats, graphophones, and prayer-meetings; we must get acquainted with these folks in a practical, social way before we can reach them spiritually.

"We expect to give the children their first Christmas-tree this coming Christmas, and every Indian present will be given a gift, every little girl a doll. The day school has been slow in starting on account of our inability to secure a teacher; we are now in correspondence with a woman whom we feel safe in saying will come to us soon. The Government's agent is very willing for us to maintain a day school. We expect results from the efforts being put forth by these faithful workers.

Mr. Steves talks to the children at the Government school each Sabbath night for an hour. Little Laura Ella Steves is now eighteen months old and perfectly happy as she is taken into those Indian homes with her father and mother; strange to say, perhaps, but she likes the Indian children better than the white ones."

(MISS) SARAH M. DELINE, *Secretary.*

ALASKA.

Jesse Lee Industrial Home and Hospital, Unalaska.

(Scholarship, $70.)

The year closed at Jesse Lee Home with all bills paid, a small balance in the treasury, and the workers and children in good health.

While moral and social conditions in Unalaska village are not the best, yet we are thankful that as a result of efforts put forth by our superintendent, Dr. A. W. Newhall, and others, saloons have been closed. The better class of natives joined with the white people in achieving this victory.

The general work of the Home has been carried on as usual, instruction being given in outdoor work to the boys, and in sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, and all kinds of general housework to the girls. A kindergarten has been conducted by Miss Rebecca Wunderlich, one of the missionaries sent out over a year ago. Owing to the closing of the Government school at Unalaska, it was necessary to conduct school in the Home. This additional work fell to the lot of Miss Mabel Benedict, who went out at the same time as Miss Wunderlich. Many of the village children desired to attend, but there was no room for them, and

the workers were already overtaxed. We are thankful to report that the Government school was reopened in September with competent teachers.

Music classes have been conducted throughout the year by Dr. Newhall, and the children made good progress. Dr. Newhall also gave two series of lectures, one to young men and boys, the other to young women and girls. His topics were Young Manhood, Young Womanhood, Maternity, and Venereal Diseases. A number from the village attended. This was a very practical course of instruction, as many of the native young people are led into sin through ignorance.

It grieves us much to announce the resignation of our ever faithful and efficient superintendent, Dr. A. W. Newhall, to take effect September, 1907. This he does not because of waning interest in the work, but for the sake of his wife, who is worn with long and nerve-taxing service. Ten years of heroic, hard toil in that isolated field should place a crown of laurel on Mrs. Newhall's fair brow. Dr. and Mrs. Newhall have given evidence of more than ordinary executive ability, patience, and tact, under many trying circumstances, and of untiring devotion to the Master's service. May their mantle fall on some Elisha.

The matron, Miss H. L. Barnett, after five years of faithful, loving service, has returned home for a year's rest and change. Miss Margaret Powell, of Portland, Ore., has gone out to assist in the work for a year.

The family in the home has consisted of forty-six boys and girls during the year, some Aleute and some Eskimo. The work, religiously, among the Aleutes requires much patience, they having been so long under the baneful influence of the Greek Church. When the children leave the Home they not only have to meet the influence of the immorality of many of their neighbors, but the vigorous opposition of the Greek Church. The work among the Eskimos is more encouraging, the Greek Church not having reached them. They are eager to learn, and respond to Gospel teaching much more readily. They make good Christians. Those who have left the Home are a credit to the institution. Dr. Newhall expresses great pleasure that work has been opened among these people near Nome.

The past winter was one of the severest known in that region, much snow and many driving storms. The mail boat failed to reach them for nearly four months. The "Dora," leaving Seattle in December, was driven out into the Pacific Ocean where it drifted for fifty-four days, its fuel having given out. At last, about the first of March, it drifted into the harbor at Seattle with all the sailors and mail safe.

Owing to the cold and late spring the garden did not do as well as usual, and it was difficult to get the silo filled with grass. Without the silo it would be impossible to keep stock, as hay can not be cured in that climate. The stock now consists of two cows, one yearling, and two calves. The poultry has done well, so that besides supplying the table for a household of fifty, nearly every monthly report sent by Dr. Newhall gives several dollars received from the sale of eggs.

As fish is one of the staple articles of diet, and can not be secured in large quantities near the Home, Dr. Newhall and the larger boys have built two shacks at Summer Bay, about five miles away, and together with Mrs. Newhall and a few girls to do the cooking, etc., spent some of the vacation weeks there, salting down twelve barrels of salmon, and drying and smoking quantities for winter use.

The hospital is always in use, either by some of the children or outside patients. The medical work is varied, a number of serious cases proving this department of work to be a blessing. In the fall, Jimmie Jim, an Indian chief from British Columbia, was taken sick on board ship, and carried to the hospital, where, with medical aid and careful

nursing he was brought back to health. Under the Christian influences surrounding him his religious life was quickened, and on his return home he did much for the uplifting of his tribe. Most hearty letters of appreciation and gratitude were sent to Dr. Newhall by the master of the ship, and Jimmie Jim's pastor.

Accidents from the use of firearms have brought a number of cases to the hospital, one of these being an Aleute chief. A gold mine three miles away has also been the scene of several accidents, which made the hospital a boon. Vessels have turned from their course and sailed many miles to obtain medical aid for some sick seaman. Such cases as these, with the ills common to mankind, and especially to womankind, have made up the medical work.

Jesse Lee Home is the only beacon-light in a vast district. It is a standard of righteousness where ignorance, superstition, and immorality reign. It is a refuge for many of His little ones left with no one to care for them. The outbuildings are now comfortable; window shades, a few new beds, mattresses, and cots have been sent with the balance of the $500 donated by Mrs. M. E. H. Yates, and the interest on the other $500, which is invested. Friends have been generous in responding to the appeal for supplies which appeared in *Woman's Home Missions*. Of course in so large a family there is always a demand for more. Send all freight to Dr. A. W. Newhall, Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska, care Northwestern Commercial Co., Seattle, Wash.

Our New Mission.

After careful investigation it was decided that it would be unwise to reopen our work at Unga, as was expected last year; so at last we were able to consider the many calls which came to us to open a mission among the Eskimos, who are eagerly seeking for light. After diligent inquiry it was found that Sinuk, about thirty miles from Nome, was the best location. Here not only do Eskimos congregate in large numbers, but Siberians from the other side of Bering Straits often visit.

The Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society could make no appropriation for opening new work until the Silver Offering is raised, but kindly gave the Secretary permission to raise the necessary funds outside of auxiliaries to get the work started. As a result of the interest and generosity of friends enough was secured to make it safe to send workers to the field before navigation would close for the season. Gifts for this work up to date, October 10, 1906, amount to $850; expenditures, $800.

We deem ourselves fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. M. A. Sellon, of Portland, Ore., whose husband has been appointed Government teacher at Sinuk, and who will help Mrs. Sellon in the mission work outside of school hours. These earnest, capable young people are full of zeal and faith, and are enthusiastic in their efforts to help these needy people.

They reached Sinuk the latter end of August, after a stormy voyage, and many vicissitudes in getting themselves, their household goods, and winter supplies from Nome to Sinuk. They are delighted with the outlook, and with the location of the mission. They have the use of a comfortable two-room log house in consideration of the repairs put on it. They find the natives poverty stricken, their only means of obtaining a livelihood—hunting and fishing—having been greatly reduced by the extensive mining carried on in that region. Plans are being made to teach them carpenter work, gold mining, etc., as well as to teach the women and girls to be good homemakers, to sew, to mend, to make wholesome

bread, etc. They are a simple-minded, open-hearted people, ready to learn. When a religious service is held every one attends, so that a large room, or tent, is much needed. Mrs. Sellon holds meetings for the women, also to teach them how to take better care of their children, how to clothe them, as most of them suffer with colds nearly all the time, and often sicken and die. She begs for second-hand clothing and songbooks, for they are very fond of singing, and are trying to pick out the words of the songs they love to sing. Mr. and Mrs. Sellon play the mandolin and guitar, which they find very helpful in conducting services. Old Sunday-school rolls and picture cards will be most acceptable; also old linen and muslin for bandages, as they have to give medical attention to the sick. Almost anything one can send will be useful in this new field.

In connection with this mission we expect to have the loan of a herd of reindeer from the Government, for the use of the Eskimos, as Congress recommended at its last session that the reindeer now in the possession of the Government be freely loaned to missions. The skin, flesh, and indeed every part of the reindeer, is useful to the Eskimo. We need money now to buy tents and supplies for the use of the herders and Eskimo apprentices who will be taught how to train, care for, and use the reindeer. We need money, too, to buy or build a place of worship and a workhouse; also to buy carpenter's tools, turning lathes, etc., for the workhouse, a sewing machine, and materials to teach the women and girls. Mr. Sellon says a gasoline launch would pay for itself in a short time. Already he has paid $74 for having goods brought from Nome to Sinuk by boat. Who will provide a launch?

We are glad to know that Judge Moore and other leading men in Nome are interested in this mission, and will give assistance. Surely the hearts of Christian people everywhere, when they learn of the needs, will be touched with a desire to help these ignorant, bright, and hungry people. Let us give these self-denying workers our sympathy, our prayers and financial help in the work they are planning to do for the Master. We are in many parts of the world trying to devise means to induce people to listen to the Gospel, but here they are eager to hear. Shall we refuse to give it to them? Send letters and parcels to Rev. M. A. Sellon, Nome, Alaska. Send money to the Secretary.

MRS. R. H. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

IMMIGRATION.

Immigrant Girls' Home, No. 9 State Street, New York City.

Statistics for year ending June 30, 1906.—Number ships met, 989; new arrivals, 799; nationalities, 10; letters written, 791; telegrams sent, 281; girls sent to friends, 554; situations secured, 118; meals served, 18,637; lodgings provided, 5,050.

East Boston Immigrant Home, 72 Marginal Street.

Statistics for year ending June 30, 1906.—Steamers and trains met, 56; lodgings furnished, 3,956; meals served, 13,073; women, 423; children, 134; men, 433; Protestants, 867; Catholics, 82; Jews, 41; nations represented, 19; situations secured, 38; tracts and papers distributed, 1,724; letters and postals written, 455; telegrams and phonegrams sent, 899; girls sent to friends, 89; garments distributed, 863; times represented the work, 32; helped on pier, 2,010.

Nationalities.—Armenian, 2; Austrian, 3; Belgian, 3; Bohemian, 1; Danish, 16; English, 100; Finnish, 160; German, 19; Irish, 54; Italian, 2; Monte Negrin, 1; Norwegian, 95; Polish, 12; Portuguese, 2; Russian, 42; Scotch, 12; Spanish, 1; Swedish, 463; Turkish, 2; total, 990.

Immigrant Work at Philadelphia.

Number of ships met, 35; number of passengers, 22,478; number of Bibles distributed, 12,164; number of books distributed, 234; number of papers distributed, 1,620; number of Bible cards distributed, 1,338; number of toys distributed, 407; number of tracts distributed, 130.

Immigration is still on the increase. The largest number ever landed in this country coming during the year ending June 30, 1906. This number reached the astounding and alarming total of 1,100,738. This vast new population increases the responsibility of every Christian citizen in like proportion. We learn that 230,882 of those who were over the age of fourteen were illiterate. The work of our Society to help the women and children of our land is thus increased in one year. We must, therefore, be all the more active and assiduous that we may Christianize and Americanize those who are thus providentially placed at our door.

Our Homes in New York and Boston have had most strenuous work during the year and we need the financial help and prayerful aid and sympathy from all who can assist us. Our valued missionary, Miss Matthews, goes among the immigrants at Ellis Island, rendering tender ministries, and as she passes along, the poor grateful souls will kiss her hands, and even have fallen down and kissed her feet. We have also an assistant missionary who can converse in several languages. Together they are able to help many out of their difficulties. Mrs. Clark, in the Boston Home, plans so wisely and well that the house is run on a most economical basis. Her work among the immigrants coming to that port vies with that of our other missionaries, being beyond praise. Miss Amanda Ford is still our faithful and efficient worker in Philadelphia.

(MRS.) CLARA H. BICKLEY, *Secretary.*

Hull Street Settlement, 36 Hull Street, Boston, Mass.

We present our report this year under a new name because our work has been enlarged. We now have four departments: the medical, industrial, educational, and spiritual. It would seem that our medical department had returned to its own, for it grew out of the Settlement work of the City Missionary Society of our Church in Boston. Miss Cooke, who was at the time superintendent of the woman's work, not only organized the medical department, but supported it for one year. Then the Woman's Home Missionary Society of New England adopted it, Miss Cooke working for both societies for several years. In June, 1905, the City Missionary Society severed its connection with the Hull Street work. Of course, the people at the North End of Boston remained at the North End. The Medical Mission had brought us in close contact with many of the families of our district, which is within a radius of half a mile from our center, with a population of nearly thirty thousand, mostly foreign. We realized that there must be no break in the work of our house. Therefore, we assumed the whole work which had previously been done by two societies.

The financial outlook was not very encouraging from the fact of increased expense and decreased income, but the path of duty lay before us, and we ventured with as little expense as possible. We have been

greatly blessed in our work, and the outlook for the future was never brighter.

Our Medical Mission department has a thoroughly equipped dispensary with the latest improvements for surgical and medical work. Connected with the surgical work we have a small ward for the children who have been operated upon, where they can be nursed by our nurses, when it seems impossible to give them proper care in their own homes. During the year we have nursed thirty-two little children, twenty of whom were cripples. Some of them who had never walked, can now run and play like other children. Five operations have been performed in the nose, throat, and ear department, one of which was very dangerous. When the doctor told the mother that there was a very small chance for little Charles, and that he might die under the operation, she replied: "We can only leave him with God and the doctor." The child made a good recovery and is doing well. We have nursed in the ward two cases of pneumonia. In the eye department there have been four very successful operations. The expenses of our Children's Ward have very nearly been met by the gifts from friends. We are fortunate in our head nurse, who is not only well trained and skillful, but a cultured woman. Since coming to us last April, she has reorganized our class in nursing, and we have had very satisfactory lectures given by several physicians. The training class is an important factor in our work, as it is carried on with very little expenditure and is of mutual benefit. Its members receive the training which fits them for Christian work both in the Home and the Foreign field and we find them especially helpful in our Children's Ward and in visiting the homes of the sick and needy.

We have a staff of twelve enthusiastic and faithful doctors who give their time freely, some having given years. Among them are four young men who have served us as Internes, and the latter are especially acceptable to the people.

The total number of patients at morning clinics, 7,309. Of these, 2,014 were new patients. At the Internes' evening clinics 1,711 were treated. There have been 183 operations performed, and we have had 139 obstetrical cases. Our Internes have made 2,525 calls at the homes of the people. From the morning clinics we have received $765.34. The Internes have collected from their patients, $611.95, and the nurses, $82.25, making a total of $1,459.54 during the past year. This money has been expended for medical supplies and the necessary expenses of the medical department.

Through our industrial work we are striving to bring those about us into a knowledge of the deeper things of God. The old adage, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do," is but too true. That so many of those about us are idle is due to the lack of early training and the knowledge of how to do things well. What can a young woman, who has worked in a factory since early childhood, know of household duties, when she marries and has a home of her own, or how to make her own and her children's clothing! Her lack of knowledge makes it necessary for her to buy the cheap, ready-made clothing, and her only idea of housekeeping is that which is formed by observation of the homes about her. For such women as these, we have each week a meeting in our home. Here they learn how to cut and sew. They learn which are the best materials to buy. Our clean, bright room gives them a different idea of what their own home might be, and our little prayer-meeting at the close brings them, together with us, into a closer walk with God; it lightens the burdens; it brings peace. In our evening dressmaking classes we have the girls who are still in the factory and sweat-shops. Prevention is better than cure. By teaching them the principles of right living, they

are able when the time comes, to properly conduct homes of their own. Many of the girls are fond of music, and for them one evening each week a chorus class has been formed, which is conducted by an accomplished and talented young woman. The personality of the teacher, together with the high standard of the music, has its effects upon the girls. This choral class gave a very nice concert last winter which netted us $116.00. The younger girls have their industrial work, and some of them, besides making much of their own clothing, are able to help their mothers by making clothes for their little brothers and sisters. At the close of these meetings also, the Bible is read, oftentimes memorized, and hymns sung.

For our boys we have clubs which tend toward good citizenship. Their clubroom we find gradually becomes of much more interest to them than the street corner. The future of our city is in their power, and no better work can be done than training these boys in citizenship and making them understand that to govern others well they must first be able to govern themselves.

For all of our people we have the penny saving system. Last year $1,051.57 was saved. This came partly from the children, but mostly from the factory girls. These savings mean that clothes can be bought and paid for at the sale price, not by instalment, and that coal can be bought by the ton, not by the pailful. It also means that the girl who saves, thinks twice before her ten cent piece or quarter goes for some trifling frivolity. It means that her home of the future will not be of the hand to mouth type, but well ordered and regulated.

Our Sunday evening Gospel-meetings are also for all the people. Many, however, stay away on account of differences in creed, but we feel that good has been received by those who have come.

There seems to be an awakened interest among the young men, and we earnestly hope that the one great thing which transforms life may enter into their lives; but the tie that binds us together, that counts for success in our meetings and classes, is Christian love. Christ's life was one of close intimacy with the people. His work was largely with individuals, and we aim to reach this high ideal at Hull Street Settlement.

(MRS.) SARAH A. JACOBS, *Chairman of Committee.*

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME.

York, Neb.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Is the saying true that home is where mother is? Not always. Where abides the true mother-spirit, there is home. But "Home," as applied to childhood's shelter at York, is no misnomer. And never has that tender mother love reigned within its walls more than during this past year.

One hundred and nine children have been not merely sheltered, but have had the refining, softening, uplifting influence of this same love and care that has been so akin to the Christ-type. What then must be the effect upon the world as we multiply these lives and these years!

THE HOUSEHOLD.

Seventy children now make up this household, together with eight helpers who assist the faithful, tireless superintendent, Mr. Burwell Spurlock, and whose duties are in schoolroom, dormitory, office, sewing-room, dining-room, kitchen, and laundry, as well as in nursery and

hospital when occasion demands it. In all these varied duties the children are also trained. Changed from one to another, as wisdom dictates in order to broaden their experience. Nor are the boys exempt from these household duties. Such experience can not come amiss, and a lesson in self-help is one of life's best. A practical farmer whose own dwelling is adjacent to the Home, leads a sturdy crew of boys in the work of the farm.

In forty-three cases it has seemed expedient to place children in other homes. But a vigilant eye is kept ever on these foster children. Not always outwardly winsome are the members of this household when they are received into it. One scarcely can choose in gathering driftwood. But it is surprising how much proves sound at the heart, and when roughened surfaces are removed, will take a rich polish.

SCHOOLS.

Our school in the Home carries the pupils through to the seventh grade and fits them for the York school. Fifteen little ones are under our competent and successful kindergartner; while eight attend the city schools. Goldie Hickman, though laboring against feeble health, completed the prescribed course of study and graduated with most creditable honors.

LAND AND BUILDINGS.

One hundred and seventy-two acres compose our land tract, and is platted in campus; gardens, vegetable and floral; vineyard, orchards, and farm. Four buildings for the household stand on this site. The main building known as Memorial Hall is an imposing structure of three stories in brick; the farm cottage, a square frame building, used for the older boys' dormitories and kitchen and dining-rooms; while across the street stands the little cottage known to us as Stare Retreat, now used for kindergarten purposes; the Harnley Pavilion and flower garden, given by Father Harnley to be used for the children's own flower planting and orchard in the rear; and the hospital, the latter, formerly a cottage, but enlarged this year to goodly proportions by the gift of $400.00 by the Rev. E. J. Randall, late of the Nebraska Conference, and $500.00 by Mrs. Sarah F. Randall, his widow, thus affording safety in times of illness or epidemic that not infrequently visit so large a family. This whole plant, costing in its beginning $10,000.00, now is approximately worth $50,000.00. Memorial Hall, enriched by the names of loving friends or those sacred in memory, effectively carved on marble tablets, with still unused space, held for those who wish themselves or another to be remembered in the Home, offers a welcoming entrance to the main building. Silver plates can be seen on some doors, windows, and beds, bearing names whom some will recognize, while others are yet unmarked and unclaimed.

OUR NEEDS.

As you walk through the halls and the grounds you will detect many needs without having them listed. They are such as belong to every Home dependent upon the gifts of the people. Food, clothing of a durable sort, scholarships to be taken, and so the list grows. Emphatically all are necessities.

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS.

It is in our hearts first to thank God and the people for the abundance of prosperity we have enjoyed. Enough to eat, enough to wear, a clean, restful bed at night is the limit of kings if we reckon with the

physical. And this has been the year's heritage for each. Mr. Spurlock with his characteristic energy, interest, and wisdom, the months his faithful wife had strength and loving service to render; friends who have proved their interest by such substantial gifts as has Mr. A. L. Johnson, one of Nebraska's mill-kings, together with his sister, Mrs. C. C. White who yearly remembers us so munificently, down to those whose gifts must be modest, but no less from the heart. The abundant health among the children. Helpers who have been most faithful. Indeed if we look back for shadows we feel we dare not designate them so minor do they seem, so absorbed are they in the one great sorrow that has so recently culminated in the extreme illness of the noble woman who has given the strength of her body and great soul to help make the Mothers' Jewels Home what it is to day. The woman whose presence has been a benediction, whose friendship a privilege, whose influence an unlifting inspiration in lives of hundreds of children, and cut in with the priceless diamond of love too deeply to ever be effaced. The red-letter day long anticipated when this body of ladies should visit the Home will be Saturday, October 13th. But while the sweet womanly presence that has so long adorned it will be absent, you will there read in manifold ways from the leaves of the beautifully, chastely written book of her life as you must find it in all the minutia of the Home, and will unite your prayers with ours that "Finis," shall not yet be written. The love that both city and household bear her will prove an incentive to fill both Mrs. Spurlock's place as well as their own in extending to you on that day honest, cordial hospitality. Mr Spurlock, as true to his trust when fierce winds blow, as when skies smile, will welcome you as an expectant, loyal son does the mother long absent. The faithful and tried workers will give you a warm hand grasp, and the children of the household will show eager expectant faces. Whether with criticism or commendation, for both are rightfully yours, we will bid you a true heart welcome.

(MRS.) ANNIE HOBBS WOODCOCK, *Chairman Committee.*

WATTS DE PEYSTER INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Madalin P. O., Tivoli, New York.

(Scholarship, $70.)

In presenting our annual report to the members and friends of our beloved Woman's Home Missionary Society, we are impressed that our story is again one of gratitude for continual blessings, and for your share in any success we may have had.

Fifty-nine have been sheltered during the year. At the commencement of the year we had fifty-three. Since then we have admitted eight, and dismissed five who had reached the age limit. Our remaining fifty-six are being carefully trained.

The Christian atmosphere of our Home seems more vital now than ever before. How grateful we are for the spiritual growth of our girls. Twenty-six have entered into a satisfactory religious experience, and have joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tivoli. They give every evidence of trying to live earnest, Christian lives. We have regretted the necessity which made some changes in our corps of teachers. How faithful they have been, and often under such trying circumstances.

Miss Schveder, our superintendent, and Miss Boddington, who is in charge of the school work, have accomplished such excellent work,

which is shown by the decided improvement in all departments—scholastic, physical, and industrial. The girls all seem eager for greater advancement. Through the generosity of one of our committee the school room has been renovated and liberally supplied with maps, recitation seats, pictures, and a valuable globe; other necessary supplies were furnished which have greatly added to the efficiency of the school work.

Our property seems in better shape than ever before, though our building is a very old one and repairs are continually needed to keep things in order and in a sanitary condition. If some means could be devised for lighting our building, whereby we could do away with the troublesome and dangerous kerosene lamps, all would be relieved of much anxiety. Our recent case of serious illness has forcibly reminded us of the need of a building for contagious diseases. Our new piece of land, though not large, is a useful addition to our possessions.

We would not fail to mention the efficient work done by the superintendent of the farm. Owing to his careful management the question of food supply is greatly simplified.

The appearance of a dozen of our girls at our Conference Anniversary was an inspiration, and their sweet music gave much pleasure to all who listened. Founders' Day attracted a large audience, and the program was full of interest.

The year has brought us many visitors and we have always felt the benefit afterwards.

We need your generous help, your sympathy and your prayers more than ever, and we pray a special blessing upon all who shall hear or read this appeal for our dear girls in "The Watts de Peyster Home."

MRS. ELDREDGE M. FOSTER, *Chairman of Committee.*

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

641 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Glenn Industrial Home is the headquarters of a large and many-sided missionary work which has been carried on by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifteen years in Cincinnati.

This handsome stone front residence is the home of our missionaries and of about thirty young women who board with us. A kindergerten is held regularly in the spacious front parlor with its crystal chandeliers, mirrors, handsome mantel, and hard wood floor. A number of our classes and Missionary Societies meet here. We have two other Mission points.

The Glenn Home Mission, a two story brick building at the corner of Front and Fifth Streets, given us now for some twelve years free of rent by the Big Four Railway, where our second kindergarten is held as well as a Sunday school, sewing and kitchengarten classes, etc. Our other Mission point is the cottage at Riverside on Galion Street, in the rear of the distillery, given us free of rent by Mr. Julius Fleischmann. Our third kindergarten is held here, our second Sunday-school and kitchengarten, sewing school, Mothers' Club, etc. Thus our three Mission points are open every day of the week.

Our Workers.—Seven workers were employed last year. Mrs. A. M. Given, superintendent of the boarding department; Miss F. A. Gunn and Miss Bertha Robinson, missionaries; Miss A. R. Bassett, deaconess; Miss E. W. Wolfer, Miss C. I. Betty, and Miss Faith Lingenfelter, kindergartners. The workers were assisted by ten of our friends who gave

their services gratuitously and were an inspiration to their departments of work—Mr. W. H. Whittaker, superintendent of the Mission Sunday-school; Mr. A. C. Fry, superintendent of the Riverside Sunday-school; Miss Myra Cramer, Mr. S. Nevins, and Mr. Denny, teachers in the Mission Sunday-school; Mrs. I. D. Smead, Miss Clara Cahill, Mrs. C. T. Pinckney, teachers in the sewing schools; Rev. C. C. Brunner, in charge of the boys' camp; Rev. J. D. Darling, leader of the Riverside prayer-meeting.

Our Boarding Department.—With the opening of the beautiful new building of the Young Woman's Christian Association, of which Cincinnati is justly proud, we feared our boarding department, with its limited accommodations, might become less popular, but such has not been the case. One hundred boarders have been accommodated for different periods of time, and one hundred transients. A number of applicants have been refused admission as every cot and bed have been in use. The rate for board, light, and heat is but three dollars per week, and as this is a missionary home, reductions amounting to one hundred and thirty-nine dollars were made to some of our girls who were beginning their business careers, to enable them to live until their salaries would justify the payment of this nominal sum. Thirty lodgings and one hundred meals were given free of charge. Through this department we were enabled to board and lodge our four missionaries free (the three kindergartners live outside), and defray expense of house cleaning, wear and tear, gas, etc.

There is nothing institutional about the Home, the girls all come in close touch with the superintendent and missionaries, they are well acquainted with each other, and an atmosphere of sympathy and refinement pervades the Home.

The two upper stories are comfortably furnished and are used as bed rooms.

The dining-room is large and airy and, though in the basement, is lighted by large windows looking upon Fourth Street. The table is always attractive with pretty doilies, flowers, and plants, and on holidays is decorated to suit the occasion. Thus, at Christmas, we find a pretty tree with gay ornaments and gifts the chief decoration, and on Halloween the gas is turned out and an immense pumpkin in the center of the table is the Jack-o-lantern which lights the room to say nothing of the cute little lanterns at each plate made of the skins of oranges. The service is good, a colored butler waiting upon the table and aiding the superintendent, who proudly sits among her girls.

Two of our choicest girls have joined the "Angel Band." One of them had been with us for six years, and all during her illness thanked God for Glenn Home, for it was here that she was developed spiritually and was thus enabled to endure in a most heroic and victorious manner the intense suffering incurred by her malignant disease. Through the influence of the Home, skilled surgeons treated her free of charge—but her case was beyond human skill. Though she was removed to her home in an adjoining city, her love for Glenn Home was so great that she would not permit her belongings to be removed during her lifetime. The girls surrounded her with their love and prayers, and upon one occasion sent her a beautiful bouquet of roses, every bud of which contained a note bearing expressions of tenderness and a verse of Scripture. Had our Home done nothing else but develop this beautiful character, our labors would have been worth while. The other young woman had been an inspiration in our Home for the past two years, becoming a Christian in youth and inheriting many talents and graces, she is greatly missed. She became a member of Trinity Church on reaching Cincinnati. Hers

was one of the five hundred voices that sang under the leadership of Mr. Excell at the revival under Sam Jones last winter. Dr. Fuller, her pastor, went to Winchester, Ind., July 2d, to perform the last sad ceremony. Two of our girls, with others, lovingly conveyed her body to its last resting place.

All has not been sadness, however, at the Home. Joy has reigned! Wedding bells have rung! The family at large entered most enthusiastically into the preparations for the ceremony which made one of our girls a beautiful bride, on September 5th. The girls vied with each other in little acts of kindness; none but loving hands must touch the wedding gown, that sweet creation being fashioned by their own deft fingers.

Our Three Kindergartens.—The names of one hundred and sixteen children were enrolled in our kindergartens—the average attendance was good. The Glenn Home Kindergarten claimed fifty-five of these children. This kindergarten is one of the most beautiful and attractive in Cincinnati. During the vacation the walls were freshly painted, ceiling tinted, and floor varnished. Some of the children came from good homes, were well clothed and fed, but the majority of them came to us ragged and dirty from the poorest tenements of the city. What pride they took in their beautiful surroundings! How they wondered what made the floor so clean and pretty, and warned the newcomers not to get too near the clean walls.

At Thanksgiving time the director began enumerating our blessings when one little girl broke out in song, "Father in Heaven we thank Thee for all," instantly the whole class joined her in singing this kindergarten hymn.

The gifted director of this kindergarten, who has lived a life of self-sacrifice and devotion to the children for the past ten years, has asked for a year's absence. Fifty-two visitors were received at this kindergarten during the year.

The Glenn Home Mission Kindergarten had an enrollment of forty names, the average attendance was twenty-three. These children belonged to God's poor and needed gifts of clothing and the constant visitation of the director to keep them in the kindergarten. Three little boys were taken by the Good Shepherd to the upper fold last year. Gilbert left us early in the autumn, being the victim of diphtheria, while Russell and Teddy died of pneumonia in February. We sometimes wonder in the last two cases if we might have provided warm clothes and shoes earlier that dread disease might not have been warded off? But we believe they had finished the work that was given them to do.

I was waiting at the Grand Central Station a few months ago and found myself in conversation with a splendid type of manhood who was employed by the railroad. He poured joyfully into my ear incidents of his personal work for Christ, for said he, "I try to influence every one for the Master with whom I come in contact. It is eleven years now since I was converted, you remember how it came about, don't you? It was all through 'Little Sunshine,' as they called my baby at the Glenn Home Kindergarten. Little Sunshine learned about Jesus at the kindergarten and acquired so many sweet and winsome ways there that she captured my heart for Christ, and since He took her to His heavenly home my one thought has been to live that I might honor Sunshine's God and meet her again. So I joined the Church and became a missionary through the influence of 'Little Sunshine.'" Our prayers are that all of the parents may be reached through the precious children.

The Riverside Kindergarten opened with eighteen pupils, the number being increased to twenty-one later. The attendance was regular

until the very cold weather set in after Christmas. Most of the pupils live in the vicinity of the kindergarten and are the children of the employees of the Fleischmann Distillery, the adjacent cooperage, and the railroad. A neighbor assures us that missionary work is needed in that locality as much as it ever was in Sodom. Sin in the United States is as detestable to God as it was in the Orient.

We gratefully acknowledge Mrs. Fred Alms's annual gift of twenty-five dollars and Mrs. Julius Fleischmann's usual check for a like amount, which were used in our work among the children.

Our Two Sunday-schools.—The Mission Sunday-school had an enrollment of over one hundred names. The banner scholar was a soldier of eighty years of age, who was always in his place, while our youngest pupil was an infant of eighteen months in her mother's arms. The infant class was large and interesting. My heart was made glad upon a recent visit, when I saw the interest, heard the songs, and listened to the repetition of the Lord's Prayer, Creed, Catechism, and the responses to the questions on the lesson.

One of the most faithful teachers was a young man who entered the school when it was first organized and was as ignorant of the things of God as the boys about him, but to-day is our joy and pride.

The Riverside Sunday-school was held in the cottage. Though there were one hundred names upon the roll and fifty or more children lived in sight of the school, it took constant visitation to maintain the school.

The regular attendants, however, showed increased interest and were able to remember the golden texts, which seemed impossible at first. Many of the little ones repeated the texts for the whole quarter with slight help. Through our influence a number of the children joined the Riverside Methodist Episcopal Church, two miles away, and attended its school.

The Glenn Home Camp has had the best year of its history. One hundred and twenty-five boys joined, the attendance was always very large. Addresses have been made by ministers, mission workers, officers of the Juvenile Court, etc. Music and readings have given pleasure and instruction. Through the kindness of members of our city and suburban Churches, refreshments have been served at these Thursday evening meetings.

The Juvenile Court is an advance, but our aim is to keep our boys out of court.

Kitchengarten Classes.—About sixty enthusiastic girls joined in the kitchengarten classes which met each Tuesday afternoon at the Mission. They learned how to make soup, bread, pie, desserts, to cook meats and cereals. The girls put their knowledge into practice during the week at home, and with bright faces and cherry voices told the teacher of their "splendid success." After each lesson the kitchen was put in perfect order. A great improvement in table manners was noticed among the children.

Our Two Sewing Schools.—A sewing school with ninety-four members met each Saturday afternoon at the Mission, where all kinds of garments were made.

To maintain a spirit of independence where possible, the pupils were asked to pay the price of the materials used before taking the garments home. Death claimed our most regular pupil, she had not been absent in two years. At her last lesson she left her needle in a piece of work as perfect as it could be made. This garment was shown to every scholar in the room as an incentive to good work, and was presented to her mother with the needle just where the dear hands had left it.

The sewing school at Riverside, held on Saturday mornings, had thirty five members. Two cents dues were paid where the children could afford it, to purchase materials. Aprons, sleeve protectors, suspender suits, dolls' dresses, and patch work for quilts were made. Twenty minutes were given to devotional exercises before sewing was taken up; a verse was committed to memory each week.

Mothers' meetings were held regularly in connection with our kindergartens, and were most helpful and delightful occasions. Addresses upon home life and training of the children were given at each meeting. Refreshments were served. It is our ideal to have all of our children baptized and their parents members of the Church. To this end a large number of visits were made to the homes, and much personal work done. As a result we had the joy of having twenty-one children baptized at our January meeting, and six parents joined the Church. There was scarcely a dry eye in the room for truly there was joy on earth as well as in heaven.

One of the babies was baptized "Elizabeth Rust," and was clothed in dainty garments prepared by the Circle of Grace Church, Dayton, who wished to perpetuate the devoted spirit of our now sainted first Corresponding Secretary, stipulated that all infants wearing their garments should bear this honored name. I visited Elizabeth Rust a few days after and found her thriving in a single room occupied by a family of five, with no ventilation until I managed to take out the lower sash of the window in the adjoining hall that I might breathe more freely.

The mothers' associations have been no small factor financially. They paid for the improvements made on Glenn Home Kindergarten, which cost seventy dollars, by giving entertainments. The Riverside Mothers' Association also netted thirteen dollars in a similar manner and purchased a large book case, kitchen cabinet, window curtains, and cooking utensils.

Missionary Auxiliaries.—Have you ever heard of a self-supporting deaconess? We have one at the Glenn Home. She has gathered about her thirty-five energetic women who formed the Glenn Home Auxiliary. They met weekly, used the two Glenn Home machines in making comforts and various fancy articles. By the sale of these and giving entertainments they have not only paid the entire allowance, one hundred dollars, of their deaconess, but have paid their dues into the general treasury, given ten dollars to the Silver Offering, and forty-four dollars to the work. Is it necessary to add that their meetings were full of interest and power? God bless them!

The Glenn Home Auxiliary number two, as it is called, had twelve members last year who brightened each other's lives and stirred their hearts by meeting at different homes every two weeks to study home missions. Though their gifts were not large, they contributed to the Thank Offering, Mite-Box Fund, and Silver Offering.

The Glenn Home Cheerful Workers, an independent missionary organization made up of twenty-five enthusiastic women of various denominations, met weekly and made garments for the mission children, sewed for the Home, dressed dolls for Christmas, and contributed Easter eggs for the Sunday-school. Their musical netted them a nice little sum from which they contributed six dollars to the Home and purchased basket dinners for the poor at Christmas. The Martha Guild, of Avondale, also made new garments for the Mission children.

The Circle consisted of twenty five young women who were employed during the day and who met twice each month to pursue the regular study course of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The

meetings, which were greatly enjoyed by the girls, brightened and broadened their lives.

Our Home Guards have numbered forty-two children who have become greatly interested in missions. They have learned to carry on their own meetings in good parliamentary order and are the material from which missionaries and leaders will be developed. They studied *The Children's Home Missions*, a hundred copies of which were distributed among our children each month through the generosity of Mrs. O. J. Wilson.

Mothers' Jewels.—The names of over three hundred Mothers' Jewels were enrolled in the Band. Dues amounting to $5.45 were paid during the year.

The annual Thanksgiving pound party was held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, about one hundred or more of our friends visited us and left a gift for the Home. From this supply Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners were given to the poor and delicacies sent to the sick.

The Poor Closet.—During the year twenty-seven hundred and eighty garments were received from the various Churches of the Cincinnati Conference. We could have given out many times that number. Our hearts were heavy upon a number of occasions when we had not sufficient clothing for the children who came to us for help. Our methods were the same as those of other years. Saturday morning was given up to the distribution of garments. One missionary entertained the children and mothers who were waiting their turn down stairs, while two missionaries in the poor closet fitted out one person at a time. Where possible, a small return in cash was asked for each garment that the recipient of our bounty might not be pauperized.

Flowers.—Nothing seems to give more pleasure to the poor than the beautiful and fragrant flowers, they seem to be a love token direct from God. We most sincerely thank the kind friends who have taken the trouble to pick the blossoms and send them to us. They have beautified the Home, have given great pleasure to the kindergarten children, have cheered the sick, and have adorned the chambers of the dead.

Systematic visitations have been carried on by our missionaries and kindergartners who have become the friends of the poor. My eyes have filled with tears when I have seen the bright smiles of recognition that have come from both old and young as these ministering angels have frequented the attics and cellars of our great city. Are you discouraged with your lot, dear reader? If so, spend a day visiting with our workers. You will then believe in hell if never before, for sin can make a hell of earth whether we believe in the existence of those dark regions in that other world or not.

The calling of the Glenn Home is to reach the masses by going to them, becoming acquainted with them, helping and loving them for Christ's sake. Christian love will beget life and ambition. We hope, and so will they, when some one cares. Over 4,000 visits were made during the year, hundreds of prayers were offered in the homes of the poor, many sincerely gave their hearts to God, thousands of papers and leaflets were distributed.

Two hundred and fifty Testaments were given away by the workers, after securing a promise in each case that the Holy Book would be read. The superintendent of the Mission Sunday-school presented a Bible to every scholar who could read and did not already have one.

Outings and Christmas Festivities.—Mr. and Mrs. O. P. McCarty gave their annual picnic at Miami Grove, which was attended by 100 people. Dinner and supper were furnished by a number of kind friends, and the day was one of delight and good fellowship.

Mrs. Smead, Miss Cahill, and Mrs. Pinckney entertained the members of their sewing classes at their homes in a most gracious and delightful manner, which gave the children great pleasure, while Mrs. Blackburn, of Hartwell, invited sixteen little girls of the kindergarten for a day at her home, entertained them most royally and presented each with a doll and a fan on leaving.

A day was spent in Eden Park in the early spring by the mothers and children of the kindergartens. The Traction Company generously furnished a free trolley ride and entrance to the Art Museum was given to the party without charge. The children of the kindergartens were taken trips to Burnett Woods, Lincoln Park, to the market and shops by their kind hearted directors.

At Christmas a dinner was given to one hundred boys of the camp who were seated at one time at a gaily dressed table at the Mission. Members of St. Paul, Avondale, and Walnut Hills Churches having given the money to defraw expenses. At Easter a similar dinner was given in the Mission to the parents connected with the work by a member of the Board. Beautifully ornamented trees were furnished each one of the Missions at Christmas; six hundred and twenty children received gifts in our various classes.

Receipts.—The Treasurer reports receipts, $5,063.04; disbursements, $5,031.31; cash on hand, $31.73.

The Glenn Home Board wishes to thank the Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, and all friends who have in any way aided the work in the past, and most earnestly solicit gifts of money, clothing, literature, and supplies of any kind during the coming year. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman of Committee.*

CUNNINGHAM ORPHANAGE.

Since the death of our very faithful and efficient matron, Miss Eva A. Shull, we have been confronted with some very perplexing problems. But the Lord has given us courage and faith. The clouds are rifting and we are looking for a clear sky.

Mr. W. A. Davis and wife, Mary Davis, came to our Home last June to assume the responsibility of superintendent and matron. The results are most gratifying, and under their regime we are expecting greater results. They are papa and mamma to the dear little ones, and fill the vacuum in their child hearts. We have not cared for as many children as in other years. The laborers have been too few. We are praying the Lord of the harvest to send more workers.

With grateful acknowledgment to our Father in His watchful care over us the past year, we pray that strength and wisdom, faith and courage may be ours to press on and make this coming year the *best* in our history. MRS. A. W. CONKLIN, *Chairman Board of Managers.*

THE ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY CHILDRENS' HOME.

Hulton, Pa.

This Home was opened May 29, 1905, with the admission of six children. Since that time the work has gone steadily on in, on the whole, a most satisfactory manner.

The Board has met with many serious and important questions, but like all young institutions we can only learn to solve them by experience.

We have had on an average sixteen children at a time in the Home. At present nineteen are all we can comfortably care for under present conditions. In all we have cared for twenty-nine children. Several have been removed by guardians and others sent to relatives. Our garden has proved to be quite a success, as from early summer the children have had an abundance of fresh vegetables. We also have a fine supply to store for the winter.

SUPPORT.

The Endowment Fund brings in about $1,000.00. The annual cost of maintaining the Home is about $5,000.00. Hence at least $4,000.00 must be secured from the Auxiliaries, the Churches, and individual gifts. The Board of Managers endeavor to raise at least $100.00 each, thus providing a fund of $2,600.00 yearly toward current expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 18, 1906.

Total receipts, including interest on Endowment Fund		$6,028 93
Disbursements—		
Wages and incidental expenses	$1,985 93	
Additions to Home	197 91	
Special repairs to barn, fences, new water and gas lines	884 05	
Furnace	169 00	
Hauling, etc.	176 25	
Clothing, shoes, and furnishings for children	2,025 95	
Farming implements, tools, garden seeds, and telephone rent	83 39	
Total	$6,118 13	
Cash on hand	810 80	
		$6.928 93

MR. A. D. WILSON, MRS. E. H. UTLEY, *Auditing Committee.*

As will be seen from the above report, the support for the Home has come almost wholly from our own Conference, less than $100.00 from pledges made at Indianapolis meeting have been received and no call whatever having been made upon the unconditional $2.000.00 promised from the General Treasury if needed. We still hold the General Treasury responsible for this pledge of $2,000.00 annually, if needed.

I quote from our superintendent's report: "I have been requested to write a short report of our 'Home' and its work, and am at a loss to know just where to begin to make it interesting and not a repetition of what has been said. We live such a quiet life here in a way, and yet, anyone who knows anything of child life will understand just how much quiet any house that shelters nineteen children ranging in years from four to twelve, can expect; all of them healthy children and full of life as all healthy children are. We have had no need to call in our family physician all summer. We have such a beautiful 'Home,' with everything that is necessary to make us all happy. We send sixteen children to the public school, and to say I was glad when school opened is putting it very mildly indeed.

"It has been the wish of the management to make this a Home, not

an institution. We do not dress the children in uniform, but try to have each one look their best, and thus enable them to feel comfortable. They are not all of Methodist parentage, but we send them all to Methodist Sunday-school, and when they start off in their best clothes I am quite proud of my family, and their teachers say they are among their best behaved scholars.

"I get very much discouraged sometimes, the work seems so great and human nature so weak. Then when I hear them in their play, repeating the Apostles' Creed, the 23d Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, and closing their meeting with 'praise God from whom all blessings flow,' it gives me fresh courage, as I am sure it would you, to keep right on caring for these homeless little ones.

"I trust it will not be long until the good Methodist people will see the need of a larger building, as there seems to be such a number of homeless little ones, judging from the appeals that come to us from time to time, to which our ears must be closed for lack of room."

MRS. P. D. PERCHMENT, *Chairman of Committee.*

ELIZABETH E. MARCY INDUSTRIAL HOME.

134 Newberry Avenue, Chicago, Ills.

The past year has been full of promise, made realistic by the efficient and combined efforts of the Elizabeth E. Marcy Industrial Home Committee of twenty-one earnest Christian women, and the workers of the Home, with Rev. C. J. Hewitt and wife as superintendents, assisted by six earnest workers in the Home and a number of extra workers who have charge of special classes, and it is with pleasure that we present the following report.

The work in nearly every department has increased and been crowned with success. The increase embarrasses the work, inasmuch as we are forced to hurry the day for more room, new departments, and more workers.

THE RELIGIOUS WORK.

In no department of our work have we received more encouragement than in the Sunday-school. While a large number of families have moved away during the year the average attendance has not decreased. The greatest difficulty has been in securing teachers. At the present time nearly all our classes are supplied with teachers from among our own young people.

The Christmas celebration was a time of great rejoicing for the children. The exercises were given by the school the Friday evening before Christmas. Credit is due to Miss Ada Carlisle for the excellent manner in which the children went through their exercise.

The celebration was held this year in the kindergarten room because we were able to seat more than in the room above. We were showered with dolls—dolls of every description and every girl in the primary department including some classes in the main school, were made happy with a nice doll. The boys also were remembered with some toy or gift. There was an abundance of candy for all. On Sunday evening a stereopticon talk was given on The Life of Christ.

During May and June we had a red and blue membership contest which aroused great enthusiasm among the children. There was a large increase in the attendance and in the collections. The contest ended with

a picnic at Glenwood Park. A brighter and more enthusiastic lot of children could not be found.

The money from the birthday bank has been sent to the Ritter Home.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at Indianapolis permission was given to organize the Church at Marcy Home. There was delay in doing it waiting on the pleasure of the presiding elder, but finally the latter part of February the Church was organized.

On the Sunday night the presiding elder was with us fourteen joined on probation, one in full connection, and four by letter. Then two weeks later ten more joined on probation, making a total membership of forty-eight. A number have already withdrawn by letter.

The Epworth League continues to do good work. While the membership has remained practically the same the work done has been better than ever before. The Sunday evening service has been one of helpfulness and inspiration. The Tuesday evening meetings have been largely attended; the different departments having charge in order. One evening a month given to spiritual work, one to the study of missions, one to mercy and help, and one to social and business.

Early in the year a Bible study class was organized and continued during the winter. The study of the Old Testament was taken up. Class numbered from ten to fifteen.

At Thanksgiving time the league gave a dinner to its members. About thirty-two were at the table and all had a most enjoyable time. A number of entertainments and socials have been held by the League which have been a source of profit.

The Mercy and Help Department has been active during the year in the line of temperance work. A number of saloon keepers were prosecuted for selling liquor to children. A rally was held in the interests of the Anti-Cigarette League and a large number of our Sunday-school boys and girls signed the Anti-Cigarette pledge.

The Junior League has been more prosperous than ever during the past year, the attendance larger and interest greater. In the Junior League as well as in the Senior the study of missions has been taken up and none of its meetings are of more interest to the children than those devoted to missions. A band of Mothers' Jewels and a band of Home Guards have been organized. The Mothers' Jewels number about sixty and Home Guards about thirty.

About the first of June a reception was given to the Mothers' Jewels and Home Guards and their mothers by the ladies of the Ada Street Methodist Episcopal Church. A delightful program was given. Rev. Mr. Clancy, of Ada Street Church, spoke and refreshments were served.

THE DISPENSARY.

The dispensary is fast outgrowing its present quarters. A large number have been turned away every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. We have been compelled to close the doors at four o'clock and even then the doctors were required to work until half past seven or eight o'clock.

The dispensary has been open every day in the week except Sunday. From September 1, 1905, to September 1, 1906, three thousand two hundred and ninety-four patients have been treated.

We are pleased to report that Dr. Selby, an eye specialist, has been secured to assist us in our work. Her work has been very much needed in the neighborhood. A great deal of praise is due to Drs. Van Hoosen,

White, Carpenter, and Lyon, who have given their time and services for the development of the work. Miss Herr has proven a valuable assistant. We are in hopes that before another year is past we may have more commodious quarters for the dispensary. The fees collected make the dispensary more than self-supporting.

KINDERGARTEN.

Too much can not be said in praise of the Marcy Home kindergarten. The room itself is a source of admiration to all. Miss Mary Jay, of Richmond, Ind., has been director during the past year, being assisted by girls from the kindergarten college. The enrollment reached fifty-five. The average attendance has been large. A regular monthly mothers' meeting has been maintained and has been well attended.

GYMNASIUM.

The work of the gymnasium has not been more successful than during the past year. At the beginning of the year it was decided that we secure a young man to live in the home and have charge of the gymnasium, and assist in other work. We were fortunate in securing Mr. Wilbur M. Apple, who acted as instructor in the gymnasium the latter part of last year. The result has been very satisfactory. Mr. Apple is not only a good instructor, but he has had a remarkable influence for good over the boys and young men. An Intersettlement Athletic Association was formed, Mr. Apple being elected vice-president. Our boys did not make a very good showing in the games because of the poor place they had in which to practice. The need of a new gymnasium was never more realized than during the past season.

The gymnasium work for the girls during the last year has been in charge of Miss Alice Wilkinson. Three classes were organized. The two classes for smaller girls were crowded and a number of girls had to be refused admission. The season closed with an exhibition and drill by the two smaller classes. The excellent work done spoke well for the training the girls had received.

SEWING SCHOOL.

The work of the sewing school has not been as successful as we might have hoped on account of the difficulty in securing teachers. Miss Hines and Miss Whipple, who have been with us former years, were compelled to give up the work. Miss Marshall, one of the graduates of the sewing school, assisted for part of the time. A greater part of the year Miss Hall and Miss Carlisle had the work alone. This, of course, meant that the number of scholars had to be limited. The school closed the latter part of June with a social and exhibition of work.

MANUAL TRAINING.

The work of the manual training department has also been something of a disappointment during the last year. Mr. Roy J. Battis, who has been in charge of the class for the last four years, was compelled on account of business to give up the work. After some delay, Mr. Hutton, of Lewis Institute, was secured as instructor, but it was only at the very close of the year that the enthusiasm among the boys was aroused.

COOKING SCHOOL.

The kitchen and dining-room on the second floor were arranged to accommodate the cooking class. A number of gas plates were installed, new utensils were purchased. Everything was done that was possible to make the work successful. Miss Anna Amacker, who had charge of the work last year, was with us again. Considering the accommodations most excellent work was accomplished. The class numbered twelve to fifteen girls.

MUSIC.

We feel very proud of the work accomplished in the department of music. During the year the class has averaged about thirty pupils. Nearly one hundred dollars has been received from this department. A closing recital was given June 21st, and was one of the most pleasing entertainments at Marcy Home during the entire year. We hope that next year vocal instruction may be offered.

BOYS' CLUBS.

The H. L. A. C. is now two years old and is known as one of the strongest clubs on the West Side. While the club is literary and athletic, more attention has been paid to the literary than to the athletic. A number of open meetings have been held which have been well attended. Several debates have been held with other clubs, and in all our boys have been successful. The membership now numbers about thirty.

Miss Hall's and Mrs. Apple's Sunday-school classes were organized as clubs and held meetings during the winter.

There has been great demand for rooms for club purposes, but we have deemed it wise to refuse all except those that we can give our personal supervision.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

During the last winter we have endeavored to give a large number of entertainments. A number of stereopticon lectures were given. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Benham, of the Mutual Lyceum Bureau, furnished talent for a musical entertainment. Mr. Rocheleau gave us two lectures. Mr. W. A. Warren, a magician, gave us an entertainment again this year. Rev. W. H. Head, pastor of Asbury Church, gave us an entertainment of readings which were received.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Never before in the history of Marcy Home have we received such a large quantity of supplies of every description. Garments received, 3,984.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas time we gave out a large number of dinner baskets.

Our friends in the country have been generous with flowers and many times during the year we were able to distribute flowers among children of our Sunday-school and in the homes of the neighborhood.

A larger number of mothers and children were sent to the country than ever before. Miss Lucille Hall has had entire charge of the work. One hundred and five mothers and children were sent to the country for one, two, or three weeks, and we very much need a camp located somewhere near the city.

God has been good, and the past year has been one of promise. We thank all of the friends who have so generously assisted us with their

prayers and money in the past, and may we not only have a continuation of their support in the future, but may the Christian interests double, so that it may be made possible to very soon enlarge the building and gather within its walls all hearts, young and old, who knock at our door, thus finding rest for soul and body.

(MRS.) FRANCES W. EMERSON, *Chairman of Committee.*

DEPARTMENT OF DEACONESS WORK.

Miss HENRIETTA A. BANCROFT, General Superintendent and Field Secretary,
21 East Adams Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Looking back upon the year just closed we are more than ever convinced of the wisdom of the action taken two years ago in breaking up this large Deaconess Department into its Standing Committee and five Deaconess Bureaus. This closer touch upon the various Homes gives larger light and therefore greater help to each division than could be given if one only were in charge of the whole. Our brightest anticipations concerning the help thus afforded have been more than realized.

Within the past few months several hospitals have been offered to the Deaconess Department. There is abroad a feeling that through our deaconesses not only can wiser administration be given, but with the presence of these consecrated women a deeper spiritual life can be realized by which to aid the sick and suffering. Yet for lack of a sufficient number of workers who are willing to serve on the Deaconess basis, and even more, because of the money needed in the continued support of such institutions, we have found it impossible to accept all but one of these tempting offers.

During the past year the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work has made prolonged visits to the Training-schools at Washington and Kansas City, and has visited most of the Deaconess Homes east of the latter point. She is glad to report that the work in these Homes is flourishing. The old cry "more workers" is still ringing and we can only ask, where are the educated, consecrated women, who, "for the love of Christ and in His name," are willing to carry the Bread of Life to the needy ones in our great cities? O, dear young women of Methodism, is not the call to you, and will you not respond? "Is not the life more than meat and the body more than raiment?"

The Superintendent has also visited our work in Porto Rico, and is happy in advanced steps we are taking in that island. Conditions of life there are such that it is impossible for a deaconess to live upon the deaconess allowance, hence it has been decided that our efforts in Porto Rico are to be along missionary rather than deaconess lines.

The following Deaconess Homes have been blest by coming into possession of new property which has enlarged and greatly helped the work in each city where the new Home is located: New Haven, Conn.; Portland, Me.; Griffin Deaconess Home, at Albany, N. Y.; Baltimore, Washington, and Buffalo, and a Deaconess Rest Home at Huntington Park in Southern California. These are all attractive, well-furnished, modernly equipped residences, giving to the deaconesses who are to live in them the largest opportunity for rest and quiet when they return exhausted from the labor of the day. They will be reported elsewhere.

Also, at Martinsburg, W. Va., Deaconess Work has been opened with two workers, who are to do large service in the way of mission, kitchen-

garden and kindergarten for the poor of that fast-growing town. Our women in Martinsburg desire a well-established Home in the near future.

The Colorado Conference Deaconess Home has, like Paul the Apostle, up to this time "dwelt in its own hired house," but during the last season the heirs of the estate of Governor Evans have presented to the Deaconess Board for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, two lots upon which to build a new Deaconess Home. Money is now being gathered and plans are being formulated by which to erect upon this land the much-needed house.

The Deaconess Hospital at Colorado Springs is more than full so that the sitting room and parlors have had to be given up to patients. A larger hospital is greatly needed. Funds are being collected, and it is hoped soon to erect a new and larger hospital, thus to aid in the efficiency of our deaconesses.

Miss Martha Trenis is still occupying her tent at Colorado Springs, but assisting with the nursing in the Hospital and occasionally doing some visiting deaconess work.

Since we last met Miss Isabel Horton, our first deaconess to Porto Rico, has passed into the Beyond, and since her leaving she has been joined by our noble Miss McIlmoyl, who for so many years wisely guided the Deaconess Work in our Cleveland Home. How soon they joined Miss Sara J. Gaunt, the former efficient Superintendent for several years of the Detroit Deaconess Home, who left us for our "Father's House" on October 4, 1905. We are beginning to have on the other side a little coterie of those who are awaiting our arrival. As we push forward the work we are attempting to carry, do we not, from the battlements of Heaven, have their blessing and earnest sympathy in the work in which they formerly so faithfully served?

During the past year there has been made a special effort to provide for the Permanent Deaconess Fund. The coming year should add materially to this, because as the years are passing on some of our coworkers are breaking in health and we must be ready to do our part in caring for them when they are no longer able to bear the "burden and heat of the day."

But what can one say in appreciation of the care, responsibility, toil, and faith of the leaders of the Local Boards of these various Homes? Each week many hours are given to raising the needed funds, and in planning for the needs of the Church, Mission, and Conference work. These officers, too, will share the blessing accorded the deaconesses themselves because of their labors of love.

I wish again to express thanks to the Secretaries of the various Deaconess Bureaus who have labored so graciously and loyally with me and have so faithfully served during the past year. Their zeal and courage makes the promise of the future bright and hopeful.

With hearts full of gratitude for the blessings of the past, we face the future ready to serve at His bidding.

Standing Committee on National Training-schools.

Mrs. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, Chairman.
425 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. DELIA LATHROP WILLIAMS, Miss HENRIETTA A. BANCROFT,
Mrs. WILLIAM CHRISTIE HERRON.

There lived in Italy in the troublous times of the thirteenth century, a man whose like the world has rarely seen. Society was all askew. Petty wars divided one city from another. Religion was travestied by

priests whose vices were the jests of the court clown and the country buffoon; by popes whose violence, immorality and greed are duly chronicled by the historians.

How was a man to see clearly into life, its meaning and its end, hampered by such a distorting environment? Yet, this man, the great Dante, saw so clearly through the imperfect civilization of his time to the real purpose and end of life that our own James Russell Lowell said of him, "His were the only open eyes of his century."

What message has this clear-eyed thinker for us, children of a later century, heirs of a richer, though still far from perfect, civilization? Listen to some of his sayings,

"Our desires will measure our attainments."

This is a stimulus to aspiration. Again:

"As much the more one says, 'Ours,'
So much the more of good each one possesses."

A fine message for a great Society whose aim is the uplift of humanity! Still another message,

"Reach ever for the higher good!"

This we will take especially to apply to our Training-schools, and in applying it we want to be clear-eyed in all that concerns them.

The Training-schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, as most of you know, consist of three Conference Training-schools, and three National Training-schools. The Conference Training-schools are those that have arisen within the bounds of three of our Annual Conferences, and they are supported, conducted, and maintained by Conference societies and authorities. The General Woman's Home Missionary Society assumes no control or direct care of these institutions, whose aim is to furnish Conference workers.

These institutions are connected with the Deaconess Homes of Brooklyn, Grand Rapids, and Des Moines. In the Jersey City Deaconess Home classes are maintained to train candidates in the first year of their course, who are then sent to one of the Training-schools for the second and final year. The General Society is glad to station workers trained in these Conference schools, when the number is greater than is needed within the bounds of the Annual Conference. In this way the Society has stationed outside of the supporting Conferences 4 workers from Des Moines, and 21 from Grand Rapids. The Society at large is more indebted to the help received from the Grand Rapids institution than any other Conference Training-school. As soon as the debt resting on the General Society is paid, there should be some compensation annually given to the Conference Training-school for each worker it furnishes to the General Society.

Also, the *Deaconess Homes and institutions that receive workers for whose training they have not paid, should have such a realization of what the Society has done for them, that they should not refuse their experienced workers, when the needs of the Society demand,* but should freely and generously aid the Society in its growing work by yielding their experienced workers to the general work and by receiving the inexperiencd, new graduates to whom the training of the Home is of great value.

The National Training schools are three in number, located at Washington, D. C., at Kansas City, and at San Francisco. The local history of these Training-schools will be related to you by those largely respon-.

sible for their direct conduct, and I will not anticipate their fuller, more complete statements.

I call your attention rather to the general purpose of our Training-schools; to the reason why they exist. It is only about sixteen years since the Society, realizing keenly its need of workers specifically trained for its work, sent me to Washington to hold meetings and to begin the work there. The result of our efforts was a Training-school opened in a very modest way in a building that was presented to us by Mr. Ephraim Nash. Sixteen years have passed and to-day we have at our nation's capital a property worth $227,000, comprising the historic building, Rust Hall, named after our sainted Mrs. Rust, our first Corresponding Secretary; the original Nash building, used at present as an annex to the Hospital; Sibley Hospital, and a small house used as the President's home.

At Kansas City we began a small Training-school in a hired house in 1900, having but two students. As you know, we have now a fine large building, Fisk Hall, and property worth $75,000.

In San Francisco we have a more modest institution with property worth about $32,000, and with a smaller number of workers. As you will hear from Dr. Willis, our Training-school building was mervelously preserved from fire and the earthquake, and we are now opening the institution for the regular Fall term. How grateful are we for God's preserving Providence that not only kept our Home from destruction and took care of our workers so that not one is injured, but further made many of them angels of ministration to those who were destitute and in sore need.

Such are our three National Training-schools, the special institutions of the National Society.

There exists in every Conference a Training-school Manager, whose special duty it is to secure at least one student from her Conference and one hundred dollars in money for the Training-school. In this way the interests of every Conference Society are tied to our Training-schools. Each National Training-school has its Presiding Officer, President or Superintendent, its Faculty, and a co-operating Local Committee. The general care of the Training-schools is committed by the National Society to a small Committee whose four members are all experienced teachers, having knowledge of administration.

The interests of the schools are increasing from year to year, and the burden of responsibility is a heavy one to rest upon so small a number. The Training-school Committee asks, therefore, that there be authorized an enlargement of its numbers by having three members appointed within the borders of the Deaconess Bureau where the Training-school is located, one of whom shall be *ex officio* the Secretary of said Deaconess Bureau. That would add three members to represent the National Society for each of the three National Training-schools. This would make in all an addition of nine to the National Committee on Training-schools. (The General Board of Managers approved this plan.)

These changes are in the line of growth, and indicate the growing prosperous condition of our schools.

It remains for me, therefore, only to acknowledge the loyal and hearty co-operation received by the Chairman of the Training-school Committee, from the other members of the Committee, from the Officers of the institutions, and from the members of the Local Executive Committees of the three National Training-schools at Washington, Kansas City, and San Francisco. Where there is unity there is strength. Our task has its weighty responsibilities but its delightful compensations. We are dealing with the young womanhood of our Church, with its

faith, its hope, its enthusiasm; there are few things in life better worth doing than to deepen its faith, freshen its hope, and consecrate its enthusiasm to the highest service. This is the aim set for itself by the Training-school Committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

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Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school.

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It is not easy in a formal report to give an adequate and interesting description of even twelve months of the life of any institution. Life has never been photographed or caught in the revolving cylinders of the steam printing press. Life in its richest and most characteristic features appeals to the heart and is there alone fully understood. It would be impossible to present on paper or in any other form that inner life of thought and feeling whose interchange has been no small part of the real and essential history of the National Training-school for the past year.

It would be scarcely more possible to present the various activities which fill each hour and day from month to month. They sometimes seem petty and monotonous, but they are the elements of a busy, energetic life. Study, lectures and recitations; nursing, housekeeping, and house to house visiting, with a variety of details too numerous even to mention, make exacting demands upon the time of each one. The school is a seriously busy place, and only young women of earnest purposes find their way here. With new truth, new problems, new visions of life and

labor, each one has all that she can do. Here "life is real and life is earnest."

As an institution for the training of young women for religious service the aim of this school is two fold. It undertakes to expand, deepen and enrich the religious life and character of the members of the school. No pains are spared for this purpose. Instruction, services, and exercises of various kinds are continuously maintained to this end. It would be difficult to do more, if more could be of any greater benefit. There is also the cultivation of a conviction that all this preparation of mind and heart is an anticipation of service to be rendered. The lines of study and practice are arranged for the best qualification for Christian work. That the best may be done suggestions are solicited, and assurance is given that proper attention will be paid to any suitable advice that may be offered for the improvement of the school.

The school is organized in two departments, the Bible School and Hospital. The Bible-school embraces four general courses, the Deaconess, the Nurse-deaconess, the Missionary, and the Kindergarten. There has been little call for the missionary course. While the school has been prepared to give an extended preparation in domestic science and in some industrial subjects, with slight exception no one has desired to make use of them. The equipment and instruction provided for this line of work make it possible to furnish a very excellent preparation in such particulars as seem to be required for mission fields. Our facilities in the kindergarten training are equally good and the instruction is acknowledged to be the best. The uses to which kindergarten training may be applied in rural and city missions render this work very valuable.

The Bible Department had a very successful year last year. The attendance was greater than in any year previous and the character of the students was superior. Twenty-one graduated last May from the Deaconess or Bible Course, and four from the Kindergarten. With two or three exceptions, all enter deaconess or missionary work.

Perhaps it is not generally known how efficient and important an institution Sibley Hospital is. In patients cared for during a period of nearly three weeks each, it is among the largest of our Methodist Hospitals. Last year it received 1,135 persons in rooms and wards, treated more than a thousand dispensary and emergency cases, maintained a district nurse for about eight months, and met many outside demands for private nursing. Since the report in July, 1902, the number of patients has increased from 591 to 1,135, the report of this year.

It is an allowable matter of satisfaction that this great work of the entire training-school which is maintained at an annual expense of $42,-152.66 for the last year, has been so nearly self-sustaining that it has not required a larger appropriation from the general society than was made before Rust Hall was erected and while the attendance was small.

In addition to the training which the National Training-school is doing, through its pupils, it is accomplishing considerable deaconess work in the Churches and Missions of Washington. In visiting, in conducting Epworth Leagues, assisting in mission services, the young women repre sent a strong religious force. This service furnishes the practical side of their training, as well as offering a contribution of service to the Churches. The hospital affords a distinct field in which it is the aim of the management to make the religious influence and spirit prominent.

The prospect for the coming year is excellent and the hope is entertained that it may be the most profitable year in the history of the institution.

With gratitude to God for His blessings in the work of the past year and trusting for the time to come, this report is respectfully submitted.

San Francisco National Training-school.

129 Haight Street, San Francisco, Cal.

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San Francisco National Training-school and Deaconess Home.

129 Haight Street, San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. E. R. WILLIS, D. D., President.

In San Francisco, 1906 will be remembered as the earthquake year, and in the "Training-school" the class of 1906 as the "earthquake class." While the great city was still asleep and quiet, save for the sparrows, the milkman, and the early street car, with the suddenness of a thunderbolt the city began to shake and quake and reel like a drunken man, and in terror and with blanched faces, without waiting to gather up their priceless treasures a half million frightened people rushed headlong into the streets, believing, many of them, that the end of the world had come. Within an hour, in fifty different localities the fire fiend had started on its destructive march. For three days and nights the red angry billows rolled up and down our streets, leaping from block to block, until the homes of two hundred thousand people had been consumed, and $400,000,000.00 of property had been destroyed. Again and again the fire approached within a block of us, and the word had gone forth that our building had gone down, but at the end of the awful holocaust it stood erect and safe, though fallen chimneys, fractured foundation walls, and broken plaster throughout the building, told the story of our material loss, which, however, was not to be mentioned, when we found that all in our Home had escaped serious injury. Under the ruins of a large building, fifty feet distant, a man was crushed to death while seven others were struggling for life. Hundreds throughout the smitten city were killed and many burned alive. The earth continued to tremble from day to day, and under the circumstances it would have been madness to attempt to continue class work.

I had gone to the southern part of the State to assist in the dedicatory services of the new Wing Deaconess Rest Home at Huntington Park—a gift from friends for our tired workers. I was, therefore, absent at the time of the severest of the shocks, but the fire was, on my return, still raging.

With the first shock every book was thrown from the shelves which line the walls of our large library and office room. My business desk was open and everything in the pigeon-holes was scattered as also were the contents of the drawers.

When quiet had returned, efforts were made to set the office in order, but among the many things that vanished were the reports of our year's work, and they have not yet been found.

The year's work to that date had been faithfully done, and we did not hesitate to place diplomas in the hands of our eight finely equipped

graduates, dating each April 18th, 5.15 A. M., 1906. Some of our students hastened to their anxious parents, while others lingered to assist in caring for the many helpless and homeless ones, whose deep need appealed eloquently for help. Our Home became a refuge for many shelterless ones, and during these weary months since, all our energy and skill have been gladly given to those who stood at our doors, pleading for help and sympathy.

I have but words of praise for the work of our faculty, and city pastors, who have kindly volunteered their services. We were very fortunate in securing lectures from many distinguished scholars, travelers, and missionaries, and we are always glad to hear the voice of our near neighbor, Bishop J. W. Hamilton. While we dare not prophesy, we are decidedly hopeful as we look into the coming year. Our work is appreciated far more to-day, and we have more friends than ever before. There are not a few who believe that if we had a hospital in San Francisco it would add greatly to our growth, influence, and usefulness, and that it would give us a recognition, which otherwise we can never hope to secure.

Kansas City National Training-school.

Faculty.

RESIDENT.

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Kansas City National Training-school.

Cor. East Fifteenth Street and Denver Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

Miss ANNA NEIDERHEISER, Superintendent.

Again it is our privilege to report satisfactory progress in the work and growth of this Training-school.

Commencement week was a time of general praise and thanksgiving, for at that time eleven young women were graduated, and already are doing efficient service. In addition to the usual exercises the week was made memorable by an Alumni Reunion and Workers' Conference. Many responded to the invitation to "come home," and the days spent together were fraught with pleasure and profit for all.

Few changes will be made in the teaching force which numbers seventeen resident and non-resident teachers. Miss Belle Hanna, our efficient and inspiring resident teacher of Bible and English, has left us. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has a deep sense of gratitude for the year of faithful service she has rendered the School. Miss Elizabeth J. N. McGuffin, a graduate of the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school, has been appointed in Miss Hanna's place.

Domestic science is still under the care of Miss Eva Rigg, and is rapidly growing in favor.

In November, 1905, a mission was started in a small way near the

Training-school. It has grown so rapidly as now to have several departments of sociological service, and to give a most encouraging outlook. This also affords excellent practice work for our students.

Weekly services are also conducted at the Florence Crittenton Home, and cottage prayer-meetings are held with the sick. Thus the students have a good practice in practical service.

Relief and emergency work are done in co-operation with the Associated Charities of the city, and every effort is made to keep in touch with the latest thought and methods along sociological lines.

Some needed improvements have been made on the grounds of the School during the year. The basement for the barn, and a house and yard for poultry have been built.

The rooms on the fourth floor are being furnished to accommodate the increased number of students, and our Home is now full.

With grateful thanks to God for His manifold blessings in the past, and to the members and friends of the Woman's Home Missionary Society who have stood by us so loyally and held up our hands, we are taking advance steps and endeavoring to grasp the wonderful opportunities that are coming to us.

Owing to the natural growth of the School and the necessary improvements on our property, our financial burden will be heavy this year, and we ask your cordial and hearty support that this School may continue to stand as a beacon-light drawing young women together to prepare them physically, mentally, and spiritually for the larger and beautiful life of service.

The Permanent Deaconess Fund.

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON, Custodian.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Permanent Deaconess Fund of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was established for the care of disabled and aged deaconesses. There are two ways arranged for the growth of this fund:

First. Every Deaconess Home connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society is requested to pay five dollars a year for each licensed deaconess. The Homes not contributing to this fund have no good ground to ask aid for their workers in the future. This is a paltry sum for Homes receiving the constant services of a deaconess, and compared with the end to be attained, an adequate fund for the care of our superannuated workers.

Second. The various Conference Secretaries have been asked to appoint a Secretary for the Permanent Deaconess Fund, whose duty it shall be to provide one hundred dollars a year for this fund, outside the contribution of the Deaconess Home.

Although the need is most apparent and bears upon us with greater necessity from year to year, there are yet but few Homes and fewer Conferences which have responded to this call. While other objects may seem imperative, it is our honorable duty to look well to the future of those who are giving their life's energy and strength to our institutions, and should take precedence of all else.

The Fund at present is nearly a thousand dollars, only a nucleus of what is needed.

The pressure of too many duties, which has prevented me from doing justice to the interests of this Fund, necessitated my resignation. This year the Custodian of the Permanent Deaconess Fund will be Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors, who will be able to devote much time and

interest in its behalf. It is hoped by special gifts, legacies and annuities to arrange for a large increase.

Let me extend heartiest greetings to the new Custodian and earnest wishes for her greatest possible success. Permit me to solicit the same courtesy for Mrs. Moors which has been given me and greater generosity which the Fund merits.

DEACONESS BUREAUS.

EASTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. W. L. BOSWELL, Secretary.
644 N. 32d Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is with rejoicing that we bring our second report of the Eastern Deaconess Bureau.

God hath given His blessing to the efforts put forth in His name. A *forward movement* has been made at all points.

In New Haven, Conn., that long-time friend, Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, has been the factor in establishing a new Deaconess Home, and the account of its nine months of existence reads like a fairy tale. Surely "God hath wrought."

In Portland, Me., and in Washington, D. C., new property has been purchased, and the small and insufficient quarters formerly rented have been abandoned.

In the Troy Conference the Home at Rensselaer has been vacated and the workers transferred to a larger Home in Albany, where the best development of its work is anticipated.

In Baltimore the former Home has been exchanged for a larger and more valuable property.

The devoted services of a deaconess and her missionary assistant at the Rosedale Mission Settlement in Washington have made it the center of power that it has grown to be among the people of its neighborhood.

The faithful work of the deaconess stationed at Mt. Carmel, Pa., and at Barre, Vt., show results in the hold upon the people that is manifest at both of these stations.

Two new stations were opened early in the year in a locality heretofore untried, and the work of these consecrated women among the foreigners of the Anthracite Mining District at Hazelton and Berwick, Pa., has fully proved the wisdom of their appointment.

In Baltimore the work among the children has been most successful, five kindergartners being employed.

In Philadelphia and Brooklyn, the other large centers, as well as in Newark and Jersey City, the work has developed and broadened each in its special lines of service.

The first Deaconess Conference of this Bureau was held early last May, at the Philadelphia Home, under the successful leadership of Miss Bertha Fowler. Representatives from seven of the nine Homes were in attendance. The inspiration and instruction gained from the interchange of views among this company of choice and fine spirits was very evident, and its effect upon the future work of those consecrated workers who so faithfully and untiringly minister in His name, can not easily be foretold.

The outlook for the future is hopeful, and we see the vision of yet greater things to follow by the grace of God.

Baltimore Deaconess Home.

1301 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Miss H. C. HENRY, Acting Superintendent.

We recount our blessings for another year, and greatest among them is the purchase of a new Home, in which we are happily domiciled. Our worthy and beloved Superintendent, Miss Anna Leidigh, resigned in November; we greatly miss the power of her personality in our Home, and pray that His presence may ever be with her.

Our regular lines of work have progressed with the usual activity. Five deaconesses are pastors' assistants. They have been earnest and indefatigable in their calling. Our nurse deaconess is still ministering in the Aged People's Home. Five of our number are engaged in kindergarten work, training the little minds for future activity. Two of our deaconesses are responding to calls of ministers who ask for a helper for a few weeks or months. We could hardly do without these who stand ready to enter any field. One deaconess is superintendent of the Kelso Orphanage, and takes the motherless girls under her care.

Our fields are extensive. On every hand we find our neighbors—not only our native born sisters, but many foreigners—poor, sad humanity. May we be faithful servants standing between their need and God's supply.

Barre, Vermont.

Miss EDITH L. SMITH, Deaconess.

The mission work among the Italians and other foreigners, started two years ago, has steadily grown. The average attendance of our Sunday school is nearly three times that of last year. A weekly meeting for children has been held; also a prayer-meeting for the older people. A sewing-class for little girls has been started and we hope to have a singing class soon, and in this way reach much larger numbers.

As yet the work has had no permanent abiding-place. We hope a small chapel may be erected this coming year for this much-needed work. We feel that we have special reason to be encouraged by the results of work in this city.

The Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training-school.

238 President Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss PRISCILLA FOSTER, Superintendent.

During the past year our Home has had the largest deaconess family it has enjoyed since its incorporation. Through ill health three of our workers have been obliged to leave us, though we expect them back again in the early fall.

Our work has gone steadily on. Scores of overworked mothers, sick babies and pitiful little tenement house children have been treated to an outing in the park or by the seashore, or sent for two weeks each to the country. Who can tell of the good thus done? Flowers have been distributed to the sick, food and clothing to the hungry and naked, rent paid for the widow and fatherless, and in every possible way His little ones have been sought out and cared for.

Our Training School has gone on with its usual regularity, and two young women were licensed and publicly consecrated at our last Annual Conference.

Our Home has experienced a very great loss in the death of Mr.

John Bentley, President of our Board of Direction. For many years he has been our friend and counsellor and we shall deeply miss him. Mr. W. P. Sandford, a man of great soul and kind deeds, has been elected as his successor.

We thank God for another year of prosperity, for the true and noble men and women who support our Home, and for the consecrated workers who so faithfully and untiringly minister in His blessed name.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Miss Emma Trescott, a graduate of the Lucy Webb Hayes' Training School, has spent one year in work at Hazelton, Pa., assisting the Superintendent of the Anthracite Mission. Her work is under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Sewing-schools, Sunday-school, Boys' Club, prayer-meetings, revival services have been conducted. Both Americans and foreigners are being reached. This work is growing, and Miss Trescott's part in it is of no mean proportions.

Miss Rashka, a Polish deaconess probationer, is making a good impression in West Berwick Pa. Her people have confidence in her. She helps them in their troubles and difficulties; has a morning kindergarten, and a Sunday-school of fifty in attendance. She lives among the foreign people, and the little Mission Home is the place where they go for counsel.

Dwight M. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home.

576 George Street, New Haven, Conn.

Miss JESSIE E ARBUCKLE, Superintendent.

We read in the Word, "When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son." And in these later days there are evidences of that same truth in the development of His Kingdom.

Surely the fullness of time had come for Deaconess Work in New Haven, where in less than a year our work has grown from nothing visible, to a permanent Home without encumbrance, four deaconesses engaged in four city churches, and an Italian Mission.

Our Home was made possible by Mrs. Dwight M. Blakeslee, who has given as a memorial to her husband, a house of twelve rooms, which was renovated and furnished complete by New Haven Methodism.

While success has crowned our labors this year, we are looking forward to even larger service for the coming year.

Open Door Mission and Elizabeth W. Griffin Deaconess Home.

3 Columbia Place, Eagle Street, Albany, N. Y.

MRS. MYRA CHAPMAN, Superintendent.

A fine property situated near the State Capitol has been deeded to the Woman's Home Missionary Society with the one condition that the work of the "Open Door Mission" be continued. The deaconesses have worked faithfully with the moving, not one taking a vacation.

The Home has tasteful and convenient arrangements and furnishings. A pleasant dormitory, fitted with new cots and mattresses and an attractive single room will be used for the work of the Mission. A fine large room will be used for board meetings, mothers' meetings, sewing classes, kitchengarden and kindergarten work. Two deaconesses are engaged in Traveler's Aid work, one in Albany and one in Troy. The

District Nurse carries comfort to soul and body as she goes among the sick and destitute. Two parish workers are tireless in their fields. These faithful workers "sow beside all waters" "for the love of Christ and in His name."

Jersey City Deaconess Home.

117 York Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Miss ANNA C. BEALE, Superintendent.

The work this past year has again been blessed of God, and more friends are being interested in the Deaconess Movement.

Through the kindness of the Evangelization Union and ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society we have been made much more comfortable by having two connected houses to occupy instead of one.

Miss Nelson, who has faithfully served in Centenary Church for five years, joined a party going to Europe but expects to return this fall. Miss Robertson and Miss Ida Mills have served Hedding Church and Trinity Church respectively, while Miss Ada Mills has charge of the Epworth Industrial School. Miss Anderson, Swedish deaconess, is doing excellent work among her own people, and Miss Nodine and Miss Meyer, probationers, have also served churches very acceptably. Miss Deen, a recent graduate of Sibley Hospital, returns to us as nurse deaconess. Miss Beale, the Superintendent, has served Sixth Street Church a short time and also represented the work over two Districts.

A small Training School is organized with Rev. R. M. Boyd as Superintendent. Jersey City is a fine field for missionary work and God is blessing our efforts.

Maine Conference Deaconess Home.

130 Federal Street, Portland, Me.

Mrs. H. IDA BENSON, Superintendent.

Our new Home is admirably located and well adapted for our use. There is enough room for our various lines of work and the upper floor will be rented to increase our income. A Day Nursery has been added which bids fair to become one of the most useful of all the departments of work. A shelter for both children and girls needing temporary care and protection is maintained. During the fall and winter the usual women's and children's industrial schools and kitchen gardens are carried on. The Italian Mission is doing an important work and rich results are obtained. The Conference deaconess is in great demand both for camp-meetings and revivals. The nurse deaconess is in charge of the Day Nursery and looks after the hospital room in the Home. She has also done some district and private nursing.

A Neighborhood Sunday school is held in the Home for children uncared for or too poor to have the necessary clothing for the regular Sunday-schools. Several nationalities are included in this gathering.

Our Employment Bureau for nurses and domestics and relief work, giving opportunities for mothers to buy cheaply at the semi-annual sales or work for necessaries, is accomplishing a much-needed work.

The past year has given us new friends for the work, and a new interest created. God is blessing both the work and the workers.

Martinsburg, W. Va.

Miss EMMA M. LOOMIS, Deaconess.
Miss ELSIE A. TENNEY, Deaconess.

We are glad to report that Baltimore Conference is to have another center of Deaconess Work at Martinsburg, W. Va. A house has been rented and two graduates from our Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School will begin work there early in September. This is a large manufacturing town, and we anticipate a great future for this new work.

Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Miss ELIZABETH LARRISH, Deaconess.

This year completes eight years of work at Mt. Carmel. The people are more and more loyal and interested. Calls constantly come for help from all parts of the town. There are sick ones to be cared for, needy homes to be relieved, and orphans to be provided with homes. Recently a poor widow died leaving her six little ones to the care of the deaconess. These have been placed in suitable homes. The Mission School and also the Industrial School are in a prosperous condition, the children having taken so great an interest that within the last year we have become self-supporting. Surely the Lord is blessing this good work among His little ones.

Newark Deaconess Home.

508 Market Street, Newark, N. J.

Miss REBECCA DELANCEY, Superintendent.

God has been wondrously kind to us and the blessings He has so graciously bestowed upon us have been a precious opportunity of passing them on to others included in the "Inasmuch."

Nine workers have constituted the personnel of this Home and field the past year, and by their earnestness and efficiency have proved a strong force in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Without regard to her special line of work, each deaconess commands the time and feels it her privilege to go out into the highways and hedges of sin to gather in the children, the fathers and mothers who have wandered so far from the Father's house. Seven parishes have been served. Industrial work among the children has been added to the Italian work, and this coupled with the various clubs and classes makes the outlook for the coming year bright and promising for the ingathering of the whitened harvest all about us.

Philadelphia Deaconess Home.

611 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss BERTHA FOWLER, Superintendent.

Eleven deaconesses and four missionaries have worked faithfully in their various fields during the past year. Sunday-schools, young people's societies, prayer-meetings, missionary meetings, homes and people received inspiration from the presence, testimony and service of our deaconesses.

Immigrants have been met, work found for girls who otherwise would have been stranded or deported, mothers and children aided, clothing, books, toys and Testaments distributed. A Christian reception at the docks is the first opportunity for impressing the foreigner with Am-

erican Christianity. Our deaconess is privileged to give this first impression.

The parish and nurse deaconesses have found demands pressing heavily upon them. Human woe and human need are ever present.

The Industrial work had a marked success. A better quality of work was exhibited at the close of the season than ever before. A new purpose and a new inspiration had become a permanent part of character.

The kindergarten and Sunday-school have been molding factors in the neighborhood. The sewing-school, dressmaking, cooking, millinery, wood-carving, sloyd, carpentry, printing, kitchengarden and gymnasium classes maintained a full attendance.

Christmas and Easter were appropriately observed. Our Sunday-school made an Easter offering of $12.00 to missions. The Deaconess Home family and Sunday-school have together contributed seventy-five dollars to the Silver Anniversary Offering.

New workers have been added to our number, and we are looking forward to a splendid year characterized by even stronger, better service than has been the one just past.

Washington Deaconess Home.

917 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. C. TASKER, Superintendent.

It is with gratitude that we report the progress of the Deaconess Work in Washington during the past year.

We are indebted to the late Rev. J. R. Wright for a gift of $500 toward purchasing a Deaconess Home. Other friends contributed smaller amounts and nearly $2,000 has been paid on this valuable property. It was formally dedicated on March 23d, by our Presiding Elder, Rev. H. R. Naylor.

Five workers abide in the Home and are abundant in labors in the churches and among the poor, giving full proof of their calling.

Rosedale Deaconess Settlement, through the untiring labors of the devoted deaconess who has given more than ten years of her life to this community, has a promising future. Two lots have been purchased and a much needed Institutional Building will be erected here we trust during the coming year.

CENTRAL DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. D. A. MINARD, Secretary.

619 Bird Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

In reviewing the work of the Central Deaconess Bureau for the past year, we do so with praise and thanksgiving.

In nearly every Home there has been an advanced step. Early in the year it was my privilege to visit each Home and thus come into personal touch with every worker. It is was a gratification to find a sweet spirit of unity pervading the Homes, and an ardent desire to see the work advanced.

The Local Boards have expressed sympathy and loyalty in the plans of the Secretary. In the endeavor to secure a Secretary in each Conference for the Permanent Deaconess Fund, all have not responded as we had hoped. When this plan is fully understood, I believe all will unite in raising the small amount in every Conference, which means so much

for the future need of our deaconesses. In one Conference the amount has been raised by an annual subscription of five dollars from friends of the Home.

Pittsburg and Cleveland have been sorely stricken and are sitting in the shadows that have fallen heavily upon them. Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, who has been a leader and a wise counsellor in the Pittsburg Home has been removed from labor to her reward. Miss E. A. McIlmoyl "fell asleep" Dec. 27, 1905, in the Cleveland Deaconess Home, surrounded by her loved daughters, the deaconesses. Her life was ideal in its earnestness and faithfulness to duty.

Many of our Homes are planning or have brought to fruition the plans in view a year ago, and are rejoicing in new environments. Aldrich Memorial School has graduated another class of deaconesses that we trust may show the ability of those given to the Society in former years. This institution has plans for enlargement that will provide for a greater number of students.

The Central Ohio Conference at Toledo has made a forward step and is now located in a fine Hospital property, thoroughly equipped for the work.

Cleveland and Detroit, in their well-conducted Homes and well-established Missions, are doing a work of which we are justly proud.

Genesee Conference Home at Buffalo has purchased and moved into one of the most beautiful Homes in our connection, and has plans for an institutional annex in the near future.

Pittsburg also has plans for an additional building. Holloway and Columbus, while adding no new buildings, send excellent reports of work done.

The deaconesses at the various stations are giving satisfaction in their work, and gaining friends in the communities where they are laboring.

Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training-school.

401 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. W. J. ALDRICH, Superintendent.

Owing to illness, four of our Seniors did not return at the opening of the school, and thus our graduating class was reduced to four. Two of these will be sent to Sibley this fall to complete their hospital training, and the other two will be given fields of labor as parish workers, probably in Michigan.

Through illness and removal our evangelistic force was reduced to one, Miss Park, who has been in continuous labor for the past three years and who has been wonderfully successful. We have been without a nurse deaconess the past year, only as the student nurses could go out for a day or two. Our nurse deaconess has been greatly missed. As only three trained workers were retained in the Home during the year, our report is greatly minimized.

Miss Ida L. Kahlo, our able and efficient assistant to the Superintendent, has been in labors abundant, and secures the office created for her by her successful services. Miss Bertha M. Clark was retained in the Home as parish worker for Division Street Church, Industrial School teacher and teacher in the school. As Superintendent in the Settlement Work, Miss Clark has carried on a kitchen garden, a nurse maids' class, mothers' meetings, Industrial School and Boys' Club. This great field of work was voluntarily turned over to the custody and direction of the Deaconess Home by the committee of ladies who had carried it on for a number of years.

We were hindered during the winter and spring in the raising of funds for our proposed addition, but we have a start of $2,000 toward the estimated $3,000. Surely we may thank God and take courage.

The outlook for students the coming year is very promising. Our friends in the Conference are rallying to our aid, and sending us substantial help in our need. We are thankful, hopeful and trusting.

Central Ohio Conference Deaconess Home.

2364 Robinwood Ave., Toledo, O.

Mrs. IDA L. McCOY, Superintendent.

During the past year radical changes have taken place in the Toledo Deaconess Home. A hospital has been opened which is crowded with the sick, who are cared for by nurses. The deaconesses room in a house across the street from the hospital, but take their meals in the institution. Mrs. Ida L. McCoy is the Superintendent and Field Deaconess, and Miss Medcalf continues her work as Traveler's Aid at the Railroad Station, while Miss Smith at Fostoria, Miss Bateman at Marion and Miss DeWitt at Findlay, are working as Conference deaconesses.

The officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Central Ohio Conference are looking forward to a large Deaconess Home in the not far distant future.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Deaconess Station.

Miss ROSA E. SANTEE, Deaconess.

The only deaconess in a city where Methodism can easily utilize all its helpers, finds the demands upon her too numerous and varied for any definite description in a report.

As pastor's assistant, she must be in constant attendance upon every church service, greeting the people and noting the absence of regular attendants, not only in the church services, but in the Sunday-school, Epworth and Junior Leagues and Prayer-meetings. The entire membership must be called upon, and, in many instances, the same families visited frequently.

The Young People's Societies of our different churches have looked my way for counsel and encouragement. The Queen Esther Circles have been my special care and every organization is proving a credit to our Society. I am always looking for young women suitable for Deaconess service, and several have shown a decided preference for this work, two of whom expect to enter Washington this fall.

Work for fallen girls, a close relationship with a boarding-house for business young women, visiting hospitals, poor houses and jails, and engaging in Traveler's Aid work in a small way are some of the occupations of the past year. I desire to walk in the pathway of largest usefulness for His sake.

Cleveland Deaconess Home.

1904 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, O.

Miss E. LOUISE WILLMOTT, Superintendent.

Substantial advance has been made in several directions this past year. The work carried on at the West Side Cottage so appealed to a philanthropic gentleman of our city that he gave us the use of a fine sixteen roomed house, rent free for two and a half years. The work

there has developed beyond our most sanguine expectations, and again we are crowded for room. A successful kindergarten was opened at the Cottage nearly a year ago and the Industrial classes and clubs have grown in interest and numbers. Four classes in kitchengarden have been carried on in the various mission fields during the year with most gratifying results.

The Epworth Leagues have bought another fine property to be used for Fresh Air work, consisting of a grist mill, a six roomed cottage and about six acres of land. In the near future the mill will be fitted up with the most approved equipment and we expect it will accommodate at least twice as many children as our present camp, which will then probably be used for a Convalescent Home. The little cottage has been furnished and used this summer by the deaconesses as a Rest Home. Of course this can not be permanent, as this building will be needed for the Camp workers when the other building is used for the children.

Last October Miss Be Vier was appointed Field Deaconess and the results of her work in the three Conferences have been most gratifying.

December 27, 1905, the death angel again visited our Home and took from us one most deeply loved and honored, our former Superintendent, Miss E. A. McIlmoyl. She had been a great sufferer for almost a year and welcomed the release that translated her into the presence of the Master.

Detroit Deaconess Home.

53 West Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Mich.

MRS. MARGARET D. MOORS, Superintendent.

We would avoid the usual routine by beginning with our annual feasts, first, Christmas Day with one hundred little waifs coming to the Home to listen to the beautiful story of the Christ-child, after which came the serving of a good dinner and the distribution of useful gifts. The boys from the Fort Street Mission came next for an evening of songs, games and supper. Tillman Avenue Mission had their program and banquet at the Mission Chapel.

The children who have been taught in our Sunday-schools, kindergarten and industrial classes are numbered by the hundreds. Of Bible lessons taught, songs sung, hearts comforted, prayers offered, souls led to Christ, no record has been kept.

Our plans are already perfected for greater improvements in our commodious, beautiful Home, and the number of workers will be increased the coming year.

Deaconess work in this city is no longer experimental, for we have passed our sixteenth anniversary. Progress is made possible by the generous, appreciative, loyal people of our Conference and city Methodism.

Tillman Avenue Mission.

267 Tillman Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Miss MAUDE KING, Superintendent.

The work reported last year for this Mission has been steadily continued this past year with greater success and with a growing interest among all classes. The Industrial work has been very prosperous, and many a child has through these industrial classes, been reached and brought into the Sunday-school and under religious influences that never could have been reached in any other way.

The kindergarten, under the care of Miss Anna Lovett, has been a means of great help to the little folk whose bright little minds are ready to grasp the religious teaching as well as the teaching in kindergarten.

Situated as is this Mission, among a settlement of foreigners, it is impossible to estimate the great good that is being wrought and the uplift it is to these people who know not the Saviour.

Genesee Conference Deaconess Home.

292 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. E. A. TURNEY, Superintendent.

The close of the year has been a time of rejoicing in the Buffalo Deaconess Home. The family was removed into the beautiful new Home during the month of June and are now ready to give the best of service in their beloved work.

Our generous friends in the Conference have supplied all our needs abundantly. Our Endowment Fund is gradually growing, and our plans for an Institutional Building in the near future are very hopeful. Our work among the Italians is interesting, and we are looking forward to spiritual growth among these people.

We begin a new year with bright hopes that come to all such as "have done it unto one of the least of these."

Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss ANNIE R. BASSETT, Deaconess.

One of the blessed results of the past year's work has been the conversion of fourteen persons in a single Epworth League meeting. Many poor and neglected ones have been aided by the ministrations of this faithful deaconess. A sewing class has been maintained, calls have been made upon those needing help, baskets of food and fruit have been given out, Bibles and tracts distributed, and flowers carried to the sick. "Learning not to do great things, but to do little things greatly."

Holloway Deaconess Home.

Bridgeport, Ohio.

Miss JOANNA B. HILLMAN, Superintendent.

The Holloway Deaconess Home has had a prosperous year. The deaconesses have been faithful in their service and have covered a large range of work. Beside the work in our own town, we have had a worker stationed at Moundsville, W. Va., who has awakened a deep interest in the deaconess work and also accomplished much for His poor, needy ones.

During the year 9,539 calls have been made upon the sick, the lonely, the sad and sorrowing ones, the troubled and needy ones. Also 549 meetings have been conducted by the deaconesses, garments distributed to poor children, employment found for seven persons, papers and tracts and baskets of food have been given out, children have been placed in homes or institutions, and time has also been given to industrial schools.

At the end of the year, our Superintendent, Mrs. Abbott, resigned, as the damp climate of the Ohio valley proved too serious for her, and Miss Joanna B. Hillman has been appointed to take her place as our Superintendent.

We look forward to a year of large usefulness in the Lord's vineyard.

Deaconess Home, Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss RHODA E. SIGLER, Deaconess.

The service of labor and love for the Master during the year has brought rich returns. The members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the deaconess have worked hand in hand to advance His cause. The enthusiasm and earnest effort of the women of the Society, in the educational work of our monthly meetings, in the increasing of the membership and in meeting the pledge for our Silver Offering has been marked with deep spiritual interest.

The women have also shared in the abundant labor of the deaconess in making about one thousand calls and visits. The work of the deaconess is increasing, as the population of our city now numbers seventy-five thousand persons. She is busy in the work of calling and visiting strangers, in the work of the Sunday-school, in caring for the sick, visiting the hospitals and in the work of the Florence Crittenton Home she finds real city mission work on all lines in every direction. We are seeking to do our duty and leave to God the rest.

Marion, Ohio.

Miss LAURA M. BATEMAN, Deaconess.

The deaconess work of our church for the past year has been most satisfactory. She has been a most helpful assistant to the pastor—making calls on our strange people, making them welcome, visiting the sick and assisting in their care; bringing comfort to those in sorrow, officiating in the burial of loved ones, superintending a Mission Sunday-school. She is ever a faithful and willing helper in all of our church work and societies. She is leading a busy and consecrated life for the upbuilding of the Master's Kingdom.

Ohio Conference Deaconess Home.

565 East Main Street, Columbus, O.

Mrs. E. J. ROGERS, Superintendent.

As we review the work of the past year, we are truly thankful to the Giver of all good that He has permitted us to spend one more year in this blessed service.

We see so much that needs to be done along all lines and realize the importance of the work more each succeeding year.

Our Traveler's Aid was called home about February 1, on account of the death of her father, and has not been permitted to return. But we hope in the near future she will return to her work. Her services were very acceptable in caring for the little ones while the tired mothers could enjoy a few hours of rest before continuing their journeys. She assisted the aged ones in many ways, comforted the sorrowing, and found homes for a number of girls who came to the city seeking employment.

The kindergarten has been a great blessing to many homes. The sewing school has been a success with large attendance and much interest manifested. The three deaconesses who are Superintendents of Junior Leagues, have had a very prosperous year.

We have taken up a new line of work this year at the Day Nursery, where the children are taught to memorize Scripture texts. Many of them have learned entire chapters. We found it very interesting, and in many instances, this was the only Bible training they received.

We feel that God has blessed our efforts, and pray that the coming year may be more fruitful than the past.

Pittsburg Deaconess Home.

2000 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss MARGARET S. BOSWELL, Superintendent.

During the past year there have been connected with the Home twelve workers. Nine pastors have been served in churches or missions, and three of our number have done faithful work at the depots.

The work for colored people at Gazzam Hill has been well cared for by Miss Heffley. Our senior deaconess, Miss Sarah Eyler, helped in the Day Nursery connected with Robinson Street Mission in Allegheny.

More than four thousand persons have been aided in the stations, which has meant so much to the sick and aged women, as well as mothers with little ones, and young women who needed advice and protection. More than two hundred new members have been secured for different departments of Sunday-schools.

Our Auxiliaries, Circles, Churches and Leagues have helped us nobly in sending supplies to the Home. We are praying for more workers.

To our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society and our family has come a great sorrow. Our Deaconess Home Treasurer has been called into the presence of Christ. We can not fail to live closer to our Master as we remember her life.

Warren, Pa.

Miss ELLA M. BATEMAN, Deaconess.

The closing year marks the second year of deaconess labor in Warren. One of the most interesting parts of the work was a Junior League organized with twenty-five children, but increasing to one hundred, with an average attendance of eighty-five. The children have done good work in studying the "Life of Christ."

Evangelistic meetings have been held, which brought rich results, and the deaconess was able to be of great value in these meetings.

In addition to this, the deaconess has been kept very busy calling on those who needed her help, leading meetings for different church societies, teaching Bible classes, distributing Bibles, carrying flowers to the sick, as well as the Christmas work of distributing dolls and toys to the children, baskets of food to the needy and fruit to the sick. The year has been one of blessed service.

WESTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. JOHN W. BUSH, Secretary.

2762 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Mo.

To bring a yearly report of the Western Deaconess Bureau is a task which I feel can be most satisfactorily accomplished by giving you our motives and inspirations rather than attempting to place a human estimate upon results. We remember that the Lord does not settle His accounts in July or October, and believe that, although some of the seed may have fallen on hard-trodden ground and yielded no fruit, if the sower has faithfully labored there will surely come reward.

Perhaps no part of our country presents so diversified a field as this Bureau, but bound together with the common thought that "we are laborers together with God" our Deaconesses toil among the mining cabins of the Rocky Mountains, the lonely barren plains of Western

Kansas and Nebraska, the sod hut and wigwam of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, the rich agricultural Missouri Valley teeming with prosperity and bountiful harvests and the rushing, restless life of the twentieth century city. For this great variety of needs God himself has bestowed diversified talents, and she who is so successfully doing evangelistic work on the frontier must leave to another the critical conditions of city life where our Deaconess work is expected to keep pace with modern, civic and religious movement. But whenever the call, whatever the field, much of our work must be done in simple faith, knowing that if we are laborers together with God, sometime, somewhere the results of our work will be seen in the uplifting and enobling of the degraded, in the broadening and beautifying of character, in the comforting of sorrow and in the conversion of the ungodly. I trust each year we are better learning the Divine plan for our labor and to day can see the wisdom of working lovingly with each other and in harmony with God.

In the statistical report of our institutions, there is the same tone of growth, advancement and enthusiasm which characterizes all Western life and we gratefully acknowledge the comfort and cheer which comes from this Christian co-operation.

One of the most interesting events of the year was our first Deaconess Conference held at Fisk Hall, Kansas City, in June, immediately following the Commencement of the Kansas City National Training School. It is always with satisfaction and pride that we look upon our graduates, who, equipped with two years of helpful training stand ready to go out into active, practical service, but to hear this representative company of Deaconesses tell of their labors and experiences in various fields, was to fill our hearts with gratitude to God that into the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been given such noble, consecrated lives for the Master's service. Not only was the association and fellowship of this conference a great pleasure and privilege to the Deaconesses, but their practical discussions and aspirations for the future will surely be of benefit to the work in general.

As we look over the reports of this Bureau we find no note of discouragement, realizing, however, "that in the past there has been something to learn, something to forget" we take up the work of the coming year joyfully, hopefully determined to "hold fast the good and seek the better yet" remembering always "we are laborers together with God."

Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training-school.

1155 West Ninth Street, Des Moines, Ia.

Miss LULU MCMILLIN, Superintendent.
Mrs. MABEL HILBISH, Principal of School.

Truly the Lord has been good to us and we give Him all the praise for one of the most successful years in our Deaconess Work.

Our new Superintendent came to us in January, 1905, and has proved a most valuable worker, endearing herself to all by her beautiful character and sterling worth. We have six deaconesses in the Home, but the demand for workers is greater than we can meet.

Two sewing schools have been carried on, and also a Boy's Club has been successfully conducted. Very many poor homes have been blessed by the ministrations of our nurse deaconess.

The school has had eight students with Miss Clarke as Principal. Two of these graduated this year, one of whom will work in the Council Bluffs District and the other remain in Des Moines.

At the close of the school year Miss Clarke resigned on account of

failing health. Her place is filled by Mrs. Mabel Hilbish, lately organizer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who comes to us full of enthusiasm, and has already secured many new scholars for the opening of the school year.

Through the generosity of a friend the property adjoining the Training School has been purchased for the School. It consists of a large lot upon which is a good residence. The growth of the school demanded more sleeping rooms, and this newly-acquired property gives an excellent dormitory, and room for expansion.

Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Miss CLARA B. KEYHOE, Superintendent.

The year just closed has been the best in the short history of this work. We can surely say with humble, grateful hearts, we have a goodly heritage in His work here.

Beautiful for situation is our little Deaconess Hospital. The grand old mountains are always a source of inspiration of patients and nurses.

Last year in our report it was hoped that this year we could tell of our new building, but our hope has not yet been realized. We very greatly need a new hospital, and we are earnestly praying to our Heavenly Father that He will fulfill our need.

There have been added two tents and one portable house for tubercular cases this year, which have been occupied most of the time. A gravel driveway has been put down, adding much to both the comfort and appearance of our property.

The physicians of the city are both friends and patrons of our work. We have a fine class of nurses in training, all Christian young women, eight in number. Miss Irene Cummings, of the Denver Home has been with us during the summer as our matron, and each morning conducts a half-hour Bible-class, which is most helpful.

Colorado Conference Deaconess Home.

1070 South Fifteenth Street, Denver, Col.

Miss CAROLINE F. ROTIS, Superintendent.

The past year has been a very prosperous one for our Home. The Deaconess Work in this city has come into possession of two valuable lots, favorably located, and we now have in cash and good pledges about one-half of the amount necessary for erecting a good, commodious building, so feel hopeful of being able to break ground for the Home some time during the present fall.

Our family has numbered nine during the past year. Four of this number have had their work interrupted by illness, but notwithstanding this hindrance, we have a better report than a year ago. We are also closing the year with an encouraging financial outlook.

The ever-increasing demand for our workers is sufficient proof of the growing interest and confidence in Deaconess Work throughout the Colorado Conference. Our hearts go out in praise to our Heavenly Father for past favors, and we pray for and joyfully anticipate still greater attainment during the coming year.

Enid, Oklahoma.

Miss Laura H. Gamble, Deaconess.

In October, 1905, Miss Laura H. Gamble was employed by the church at Enid as pastor's assistant.

During the year 890 calls have been made, 397 meetings assisted in, a sewing-school conducted in which over 200 children have received instruction and a class of young women have been instructed in basketry. A Queen Esther now numbering twenty-eight was organized in May. The Epworth League has given the deaconess much practical help. Special attention has been given to work among the children as Superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday-school and helper in the Junior League, bringing about very gratifying results in the increased attendance of the children on these services, and the conversion of several of them.

Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage.

Urbana, Illinois.

Mr. WM. A. DAVIS, Superintendent.
Mrs. WM. A. DAVIS, Matron.

The past year has been a very heavy one in this Orphanage. The death of Miss Eva Shull left the institution without a proper head, but her assistant worked assiduously to carry forward her plans. The house was greatly crowded, there being at one time fifty-two children. Whooping cough was brought into the Home accidentally and the result was that heavier duties than usual fell upon the workers and two little ones died, but with patience and loving gentleness our dear Miss Eva Hicks, who had charge of the infants, cared for them all.

Many changes have occurred and the new year has started out under excellent auspices. Mr. William A. Davis and his wife have had unusual experiences in frontier work and in Alaska. Both were formerly teachers in Bennett Academy at Clarkson, Miss., and later in the Government School in Unalaska, where they were brought into close relation with our work in that far-off country. The number of children has been reduced so as to give more individual care to each child in the Home. We are looking forward with strong hopes to a year of prosperity.

Graham Protestant Hospital.

Keokuk, Iowa.

Mrs. L. G. MURPHY, General Superintendent.
Miss MARY C. JACKSON, Superintendent.
F. B. DORSEY, M. D., Chief of Medical Staff.

It gives me great pleasure to report that the past year has been the best in the hospital's history. We here demonstrated beyond a doubt, that there was a demand for this hospital. We even now need a larger building, and we are praying that some one who has the money will come to our relief. The work of the deaconesses has been most satisfactory to both the physicians and patrons. The hospital is Christian in its management, modern and aseptic in its appointments, and home-like in its atmosphere, and well deserves the sympathy, gifts and prayers of all lovers of humanity.

From the beginning it has been self-supporting in the internal management. We have made quite extensive improvements at a cost of two

thousand eight hundred and thirty-four dollars, which debt has all been paid. We have had: Patients, 221; surgical operations, 268; medical, 53; charity cases, 27; average number treated per month, 28.

Our course for nurse training requires three years. Eight young women have graduated from this hospital, and eight more are now in training.

We believe we are doing a Christlike work and making it possible for many who are in moderate circumstances and poor, to have the best skill and care for the least outlay possible. Miss Jackson, the superintendent, and Miss Wertz, the chief nurse, have been indefatigable in labors, and deserve all praise. We look out into the coming year with hope and faith in Him who has said, "He that giveth a cup of water in the name of a disciple, shall in no wise lose his reward."

Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Miss VIOLA R. FRY, Deaconess.

This faithful worker has been in labors abundant the past year. 1,785 calls were made on the sick and suffering ones, and all those who needed help; 557 garments were distributed to needy persons. Services were attended, Bibles and papers distributed, three girls taken to the Rescue Home in St. Louis, one to the Girl's Industrial School at Geneva, one to a place of service in St. Louis, and two babies taken to the Orphanage. Also a school was held for the training of girls in house-keeping, sewing, cooking, etc., with an average attendance of fifteen.

The coming year Miss Fry will take up work in her home church at Altoona, Pa.

Olney, Illinois.

Miss JANE HAWKINS, Deaconess.

The past year has seen the beginning of Deaconess Work in Olney, Ill. As we look over the work done, the hearts made happier, the suffering ones comforted and the perplexed ones helped, we feel that it has been a blessing to many.

The industrial work has made the greatest showing. Sixty children were enrolled in the sewing classes. The time spent among the sick was a precious opportunity, for many doors were opened to the deaconess that would have remained closed otherwise.

The past year has been but a beginning, we trust, of the good things that are to follow in this work.

Shesler Deaconess Home.

1222 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Miss SUSIE MORTON, Superintendent.

The past year has been the busiest and most gratifying in results in the history of our Home.

At present we have a family of seven deaconesses. Miss Humphrey has given her time to Conference evangelistic work. Miss Pearson came to us from Fisk Training School in August, and Miss Troyer from the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School in October. They, with Miss Haw and Miss Rerick, are busily engaged as our visiting deaconesses. These young women have carried comfort and cheer into many a dark home and are welcomed as messengers of love everywhere.

Three good industrial schools have been conducted, and one of our

deaconesses has assisted at our Wall Street Industrial School. Miss Blumberg has successfully conducted our Traveler's Aid Department. This work has been established only about one year, but has amply repaid us in the good already accomplished.

Our Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Queen Esther Circles, and Home Guards have given us much substantial aid this year, furnishing almost $1,200 of our support. We rejoice in the good hand of our God upon us, and trust that in the coming year we may be able to accomplish much "for the love of Christ and in His name."

Southern Illinois Conference Deaconess Station.

Miss MARGARET F. BELL, Deaconess.

The fifth year of Deaconess Work in the Southern Illinois Conference is just completed, and Miss Margaret F. Bell, the faithful deaconess brings in an excellent report of work done. During the past year she has made 2,518 calls on those needing her aid, the sick and afflicted ones. In addition to this Miss Bell has visited the hospitals, conducted services, taught in the Sunday-school, spent 900 hours in Industrial work, distributed 2,115 papers and tracts, aided the poor by garments and jelly, and in other ways has been an uplift to the poor and neglected ones. Surely the year has been one filled with many acts of kindly service on her part given "for the love of Christ and in His name."

Southwest Kansas Conference Deaconess Home.

457 N. St. Francis Street, Wichita, Kan.

Miss HERRICK, Superintendent.

During the past year we have had few deaconesses in our Home, as most of them are out in the Conference as Conference workers, acting as pastor's assistants for short times in different places throughout the Conference. This has seemed to us absolutely necessary because this is a Conference Deaconess Home.

Two of the young women supported by our Conference have recently graduated from Fisk Training School. One, Miss Severance, is at Hutchison, and the other, Miss Ankerman, is working upon Winfield District. Miss Herrick has recently come to us as our Superintendent. She will not only care for the Home, but will spend some time in the Conference.

Our Home has recently had a new furnace, has been redecorated, and some new furniture added, making it a cozy, cheerful home in a beautiful location. We are praying most earnestly that God will send us more laborers so greatly needed in this field.

PACIFIC COAST BUREAU.

Mrs. JOHN STEPHENS, Secretary.

1143 North Centre St., Stockton, Cal.

The year just closed has been an unusual one in the Pacific Coast Bureau; but through difficulties the work has advanced, ever enlarging its scope and meeting with greater favor.

We have entered the State of Washington for the first time, and have opened new stations in Oregon and California, while continuing work in these States and the territory of Arizona. We expect soon to send workers into the State of Nevada.

Unusual conditions have created unusual needs, but our workers have fully measured up to the demands made upon them and have "adorned the gospel of the Lord Jesus."

We rejoice in the band of consecrated workers we have in the Pacific Coast Bureau, so many of them graduates from our San Francisco National Training School. No more intelligent or faithful deaconesses can be found anywhere.

Aberdeen, Washington.

Miss MAEBELL GRAHAM, Deaconess.

Miss Graham opened work in Aberdeen, October 15, and gave six months of faithful service. During this period 536 calls were made. Miss Graham also conducted a flourishing Junior League and organized clubs for both boys and girls. A good work was done.

Ashland, Oregon.

Miss EDNA TRETHEWAY, Deaconess.

Ashland sent an earnest appeal for deaconess aid this year, and most cordially received Miss Tretheway, who began work April 1. Miss Tretheway is influencing the lives of the young people through the Intermediate League and the Young Ladies' Club, of which she has charge.

Eugene, Oregon.

Miss EVA LUND, Deaconess.

This important college center has had deaconess service throughout the year. Miss Esther Jackson, consecrated and capable, served the people until her marriage in April last, proving to be particularly helpful and comforting in the sickroom.

Since May 15, Miss Eva Lund, a recent graduate, has been at work, giving entire satisfaction. The pastor says: "Deaconess work in Eugene is a *pronounced success.*"

Santa Cruz.

Mrs. HELEN R. PECK, Deaconess.

Santa Cruz has had the service of Mrs. Peck for eleven months. Besides teaching in two Sunday-schools, making 953 calls, attending 405 meetings and having a large part in the social life of the church, Mrs. Peck has charge of the finest Junior League in the Conference, composed of seventy-five members, thoroughly organized in both Home and Foreign Missions.

San Francisco Deaconess Home.

129 Haight St., San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. E. R. WILLIS, D. D., Superintendent.

Our hearts go out in thankfulness for the providential manner in which this Home was saved from destruction in the calamity which befell the beautiful city on April 18.

Until then the work went on in the usual way; the deaconess assigned to the various churches and finding their hearts and hands full, in various forms of industrial work and as pastor's assistants. Since that

memorable day, the methods of work have changed, and relief work has occupied the attention of all in the home. Generous donations of clothing, assigned to the Deaconess Home, have come from all over the United States and have been wisely distributed. Five hundred sacks of flour have been sent from the General Relief Committee for the same purpose.

The prompt and efficient aid extended by this institution has attracted the attention of the authorities, and will no doubt result in larger recognition for the work in this city. One deaconess is a member of the Rehabilitation Committee.

Religious services have been conducted in the various camps by Dr. Willis and the deaconesses.

There have been twenty deaconesses connected with this Home during the year, seven of whom graduated from the Training School in the "earthquake class."

Three times during the year have the wedding bells rung for deaconesses connected with the San Francisco Home. Miss Hodge, Miss Graham and Miss Jackson became brides during the month of April.

Mrs. Lincoln has devoted her time wholly to the sick soldiers in the Presidio Hospital, and has been enabled to point many to the better way.

Miss Fassett, the evangelistic deaconess, has conducted 277 evangelistic services besides numerous prayer-meetings and children's services. A full measure of success has been hers.

Miss Wilkins has been employed by the Epworth League of Humboldt County. The distances are great and the modes of travel primitive, but good faithful work was done.

Sacramento.

Mrs. MARY WIDAMAN, Deaconess.

For three months, Mrs. Widaman worked as Traveler's Aid under the direction of the Y. W. C. A. of the city, but since October has given her time wholly to the Methodist Church, making 1,061 calls and giving valuable service as pastor's assistant.

Southern California Conference Deaconess Home.

226 Hewitt Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Miss BIRDSALL, Superintendent.

There are fifteen deaconesses connected with our Home, who have made 10,844 calls. All departments of work are sustained. Two deaconesses are constantly employed in Traveler's Aid work and have assisted more than 800 persons this year. Our Japanese worker is doing much good among the Japanese women, teaching them English and leading many into true and saving faith.

The hospital work is a broad field for service. While limited by lack of funds and room, ninety patients have been cared for in the hospital and thirty-six in homes.

We have bought this year, at a cost of $5,000 (one-half being paid), two large lots upon which we hope to erect a new hospital fitted for our needs.

Miss Sanford, the Field and Evangelistic Deaconess, has access to every pulpit in Southern California, and has been busy throughout the year. Conversions in large numbers are not common, but always some yield to the Gospel invitation.

Fresno.

Miss ADA BISBEE, Deaconess.

For the first time Fresno has had the service of a licensed worker, Miss Bisbee having been there since last October. Quiet and unassuming in her manner, Miss Bisbee does not seek publicity, but is at her best in personal work, and many friendless, homesick, or troubled ones come to her for advice and comfort.

San Bernadino.

Miss EDITH BAXTER, Deaconess.

Miss Baxter has been here for seven months, but has not been able to do her best work on account of ill health. She is one of our faithful workers and highly esteemed.

San Diego.

Central Church.

Miss HOUSTON, Deaconess.

Miss Houston has given five months of hard work to this field. A very changing, progressive population, with new sections being constantly opened up, has made house to house visitation an important part of the Church work. Between 1,200 and 1,300 calls have been made, and over fifty children brought into the Sunday school.

Pasadena.

First Church.

Miss METTIE CHAFFEE.

The Sunday-school of First Church has employed Miss Chaffee for the year and has found her a valuable helper. She has given faithful service and entire satisfaction.

Tucson, Arizona.

Mrs. EMMA J. KIRK, Deaconess.

Mrs. Kirk has continued her loving service to this people throughout the year. Seventeen hundred and twenty-three calls do not begin to tell the story of her work. Visiting the jails, nursing the sick, conducting Junior League, establishing the Home Department and Cradle Roll in the Sunday-school, all these things go to fill up a busy and useful year.

BUREAU FOR SUPERVISION OF COLORED DEACONESSES.

Mrs. T. L. TOMKINSON, Secretary.

43 North Hickory St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Lack of facilities for obtaining information about the widely separated fields where deaconesses of this Bureau are employed, and about the deaconesses themselves entails a condition much to be regretted.

Two problems particularly confront us in the work of the Colored Deaconess Bureau, viz., the need of competent, sensible, consecrated

women, well-trained for the service, and secondly, a more general willingness on the part of the stronger colored Churches to employ and maintain them when thus equipped.

To the members of the Advisory Committee of this Bureau the Secretary desires to return thanks for efficient and sympathetic help.

Of the eleven deaconesses reported last year as in the care of this Bureau, one has died, one has gone as a missionary to Africa, and one has married. Four remain in the regular work, one has divided the time between domestic work and study, and three, without definite engagements, have yet endeavored to hold fast their vocations.

Miss Shelby Gale passed from labor to reward in October, 1905. She belonged to the Delaware Conference and her field of work was in a large colored Church in Philadelphia.

Miss Martha Drummer, under appointment of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at the time of our last Annual Meeting, sailed for Africa, February 6, 1906. The loss to our Society of this capable and consecrated woman is deeply felt.

Miss Mary E. Poindexter, for nearly three years deaconess in Asbury Church, Washington, D. C., was happily married in June to Rev. Victor E. Johnson. The beauty of her character made her work a benediction.

South Atlanta, Ga.

At South Atlanta the little Deaconess Home, under the sheltering wing of Thayer Home and Miss Mitchell, with Miss Anna E. Hall as Superintendent, has had a year of successful service. Besides Miss Hall there is a housekeeper, the kindergartner, and ten girls, who board in the Home, do the work of the house and attend school. Miss Hall goes into the city every day. In May a great fire made 400 of the colored people homeless. This entailed much suffering and destitution in the midst of which the deaconess was a sister of mercy indeed. Miss Hall's hands have been more than full. We may well say with her, "What is one woman amid so many needs?"

Miss Herminia Leonard has done a year of fine work in connection with St. Mark's Church, New York City, especially in the Sunday-school and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in both of which the membership has been largely increased through her efforts.

Miss Martha Joiner has made herself ubiquitous in the alleys and crowded tenements of East St. Louis, wearing out her frail body in seeking the sorrowing and sinning. The Union Memorial Church, of 1,400 members, employs her. She also has a mission down town. She has been in the field since October, 1903.

Miss Rosa Simpson went from New York City to Texas last December, and was elected by the Texas Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society to do special organizing and evangelistic work. She seems to have had considerable success in Galveston and Houston, reporting conversions, children brought into the Sunday-school, money raised for the Society and new members secured.

Misses Lucy Valentine, Nettie Williams, and Ruth Smith are without employment, but profess loyalty to their calling and report to the Bureau Secretary, each hoping to be among those of whom the Master shall say. "She hath done what she could." Miss Rowena Howard has wisely been endeavoring to secure better intellectual equipment for future work.

Davis Deaconess Home.

347 East Fourth Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Miss C. E. ROBINSON, Superintendent.

Through the efforts of our capable Bureau Secretary, Mrs. B. S. Potter, the old Davis Deaconess Home has been sold during the past year and a beautiful, commodious property acquired.

Our work has been somewhat interrupted by the moving, as we were obliged to vacate the old Home before the new one was ready for occupancy. Yet the work of the year has been successful.

Ours are parish deaconesses and have rendered efficient service to the pastors whom they have assisted. One has been especially helpful in sustaining a weak auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in her Church. Industrial work is so efficiently taught in our public schools that we do not deem it wise to devote our time to it.

Two deaconesses, Miss May B. Aikin and Miss Mabel Lamb, have removed from the Home.

Miss Ida Watson came to us from the Philadelphia Home and is the faithful worker at Logan.

Our work is receiving favorable recognition by those who come in contact with it and our workers, and we look forward to the coming year with hope. We are happy in the fact that Mrs. Grace Mettler, graduate of the San Francisco Training-school, has been added to our number.

Statistics of the Deaconess Work.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.	Value of Property....	Incumbrance.	Deaconesses and Prob'rs.	No. of Calls Made.....	Visits to Hospit'ls, J'ls, etc.	Meetings Held or Assisted In.	Hours Spent in Ind'l Schools	Hours Spent in Nursing.....	Hours Spent in Spec'l Serv.*	Value Supplies Rec'd at Home.....	Yearly Expenses...
Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training-school	$17,000	.....	19	3,090	73	256	167	1,810	034	$380 10	$1,408 65
Atlanta Deaconess Home.	.....	.....	2	1,296	74	40	80	268	80	.....	.....
Baltimore Deaconess Home Mt. Tabor Industrial Building	30,000	6,000	15	14,681	215	1,372	1,182	4,993	4,504	770 18	3,976 46
Bancroft Rest Home.....	15,000	5,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,068 00
Bidwell Deacon'ss Home and Iowa Bible Training-school	12,500	1,225	17	8,959	98	518	775	690	1,748	70	2,464 81
Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training-school†	40,000	.....	24	31,082	494	1,438	.....	1,589	2,149	.....	5,784 98
Caroline Rest Home.....	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77 89
Central Ohio Conf. Deaconess Home and Hospital..	.....	.....	8	4,433	.....	.....	.....	1,676	5,646	452 83	2,122 91
Cleveland Deacon'ss H'me	11,200	.....	20	22,038	183	2,257	1,811	1,789	6,725	.....	5,602 75
Colorado Conf. Deaconess Home, ...	4,000	.....	10	9,358	223	390	.....	209	1,928	199 80	2,798 22
Colorado Springs Sanitorium.	15,000	6,000	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,000	200	.....	7,322 84
Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage ..	26,000	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,836 23
Davis Deaconess Home...	18,000	.....	7	3,267	87	220	.....	370	.....	57 60	1,366 75
Detroit Deaconess Home Tillman Avenue Mission	21,500	.....	13	14,884	135	104	.....	.....	910	1,024 01	4,169 69
Elvira Olney Rest Home .	1,025	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	487 55
Genesee Conf. Deaconess Home	23,000	9,450	11	10,339	182	1,657	350	476	5,223	.....	4,985 45
Graham Protestant Hospital, ...	18,000	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,550
Open Door Mission and E.W. Griffin Deaconess Home.....	5,000	.....	5	1,547	32	154	8	3,522	2,470	.....	1,218 12
Holloway Deacon'ss H'me	10,000	.....	9	8,188	1101	549	55	155	3,557	587 22	1,575 70
Kansas City Nat. Training-school and Deaconess Home	75,000	7,000	32	4,605	160	1,481	656	270	5,901	374 85	4,300 41

* Including Kindergarten, Travelers' Aid, Boys' Club, Mothers' Meetings, Hours Study.
† Building worth $20,000, leased of Church Extension Society.

Statistics of the Deaconess Work—Continued.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.	Value of Property ...	Incumbrance.	Deaconesses and Prob'rs	No. of Calls Made.....	Visits to Hospit'ls, P'ls, etc.	Meetings Held or Assisted In.	Hours Spent in Ind'v'l Schools	Hours Spent in Nursing.....	Hours Spent in Spec'l Serv.*	Value Supplies Rec'd at Home	Yearly Expenses ...
Knoxville Deaconess Station	220	.....	1	1,011	68	11	.....	63	98	42 77	289 03
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school (Bible Department)....	186,000	20,000	103	2,000	200	150	180	140,000	102,880	350 00	42,509 79
Sibley Memorial Hos'ital (Nurse-training De'pt).	41,000										
Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of State of Indiana	.....	.....	1	705	14	242	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel Deaconess Sta.	.....	.....	1	1,263	.....	188	38	17	58	36 00	292 00
Newark Conf. Deaconess Home, Jersey City	500	.....	10	7,571	51	239	424	806	3,652	762 81	1,855 04
Newark Conf. Deaconess Home, Newark.....	500	.....	8	6,589	110	378	178	1,785	2,835	293 00	1,472 81
New Haven Deaconess Home.....	8,000	.....	5	4,453	56	844	.....	.....	.....	.....	877 67
Ohio Conference Deaco'ess Home.	375	.....	8	5,268	20	80	41	.....	1,377	203 46	1,754 70
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	25,862	.....	11	19,009	347	307	488	3,154	10,969	847 00	13,624 98
Pittsburg Deaconess H'me	14,500	....	12	14,430	161	2,665	.....	1,412	2,629	.....	2,761 93
Portland (Me.) Deaconess Home,.....	7,000	6,000	6	665	25	274	544	1,026	515	.....	1,740 62
Provo Deaconess Station .	2,000	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Francisco Nat. Training-school and Deaconess Home.....	32,000	5,300	27	4,267 ‡	60	345	76	46	3,553	.....	9,005 77
Shesler Deaconess Home	$6,000	4,500	8	3,450	66	716	93	345	2,850	.....	$2,701 45
Southern California Conf. Deaconess Home and Hospital.....	15,000	.....	15	10,844	107	360	.....	6,883	1,746	$328 00	4,016 77
Southern Illinois Conf Deaconess Station.....	.....	.....	1	2,518	41	75	906	450	317	.....	352 00
Springfield, Mo. Hospital.	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. W. Kansas Conf. Deaconess Home.....	4,500	.....	3	2,417	93	433	.....	60	300	50 00	1,404 37
Thompson Rest Home....	3,976	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 50	591 23
Washington Deaconess Home	7,500	4,500	9	9,824	152	.....	.....	2	3,490	105 34	2,853 58
Wing Rest Home, Huntington Park, California..	2,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 31	84 70
DEACONESS STATIONS.											
Barre, Vt.....	.....	.....	2	1,030	4	127	4	.....	.....	... .	300 00
Berwick, Pa.....	.....	.....	1	1,022	.....	60	56	90	461	19 50	.....
Chattanooga, Tenn.....	.....	.....	1	118	10	9	.....	.....	.....	..... .	600 00
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	.....	.....	1	2,242	.....	105	515	242	.....	.....	.....
Colored Deaconesses.....	.....	.....	6	8,449	255	308	66	1,232	453	190 00	.....
Duluth, Minn	.....	.....	1	250	85	22	.....	31	80	100 00	.....
Enid, Oklahoma.....	.....	.....	1	875	4	323	89	.....	209	127 71	.....
Franklin, Pa	.....	.....	1	807	23	61	.....	.....	469	.....	385 40
Hazelton, Pa.....	.....	.....	1	511	8	202	165	.....	483	121 00	103 60
Kansas Conference.....	.....	.....	1	939	26	153	.....	75	39	.....	.....
Marion, Ohio.....	.....	.....	1	1,412	52	65	.....	173	147	.....	360 00
Moundsville, W. Va.....	.....	.....	1	1,018	10	50	.....	.....	131	40 00	.....
Mt. Vernon, Ill.....	.....	.....	1	1,162	39	283	.....	184	195	.....	230 00
New Castle, Pa.....	.....	... .	1	1,841	16	22	32	48	87	5 40	230 09
Okeene, Okla.....	.....	.....	1	32	.....	76	.....	.....	80	.....	.....
Olney, Illinois.....	.....	.....	1	1,568	12	91	90	60	285	.....	.....
Springfield, Ill.....	.....	.....	1	750	4	250	160	.....	50	.....	350 00
Warren, Pa.....	.....	.....	1	319	1	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York, Neb.....	.....	.....	1	24	3	24	9	.....	138	6 00	....
Deaconesses at work not reported in above list....	.....	.....	52	5,573	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	$686,008	$75,475	511	264,032	5,189	20,090	3,638	190,211	193,841	9,100 12	155,955 14

* Including Kindergarten, Travelers' Aid, Boys' Club, Mothers' Meetings, Hours Study.
‡ Report for six months only.

COMMITTEE ON REST HOMES.

Mrs. S. W. DAVIS, Chairman.

1016 South Avenue, Wilkensburg, Pa.

Bancroft Rest Home.

74 Cookman Avenue, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Reported by Miss ANNA MOSHER.

In reviewing the past year we can only say it has been "crowned with His goodness." The winter of 1905-1906 passed very pleasantly. A large and happy family enjoyed its comforts as well as the quiet restfulness of the seashore at that season. Among the winter guests was one who had served several years in the Southwest. It meant much to her to find this Home open in the winter that she might enjoy its comforts. Thirty-two Christian workers were entertained during the winter. A larger number of Christian workers have sought this place of rest than ever before. We have also been favored with the presence of Mrs. R. M. Lewis, who for more than twenty-five years has, by her untiring devotion to the work in Savannah, Ga., been instrumental in the uplifting of a multitude to a better plane of living, and helped many to Christ. Christian workers have gathered here for rest from our various Homes and Missions as follows: Haven Home, Savannah; Thayer Home, Atlanta; Knoxville, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Newark, Jersey City, Boston, and New York.

Our Industrial Home workers and girls have rendered faithful and efficient service. We are grateful to all who have in any way contributed to the support of this Home.

Caroline Rest Cottage, Round Lake, N. Y.

Reported by Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON,

600 Grand St., Troy, N. Y.

The occupants of the cottage have come from various grades of workers this year. Miss Marguerite Tripp, of the DePauw Home in Los Angeles, California, spent several months here, also a deaconess of the Episcopal Church, Miss Mary A. Tripp, of the Navajo Mission, at Farmington, New Mexico, spent a month, as did Miss Churchwell, of the Brooklyn Home, and several other Christian workers have spent a part of their vacations. A young lady from India, a student, who is to return to her own country as a missionary when her education is finished, was also in the Home. There has been no boarding department, the rooms were free and each one provided her own meals either in the house or outside. All have expressed great pleasure in the opportunity of enjoying the rest and quiet of the cottage.

Thompson Rest Home.

Mountain Lake Park, Md.

Reported by Mrs. E. W. DAVIS.

1016 South Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

The Home was opened July 1st with Miss Hicks and Miss Jones as Superintendents. Miss Jones was married in August, leaving the Home to the care of Miss Hicks for the balance of the season.

Seventy-two guests were entertained, of whom twelve were Deaconesses and Home missionaries. Rust Hall, Holloway Home, and the Coke Mission of Pittsburg Conference, were represented.

The Home was kept open until September 7th to accommodate the large Conference of Friends held at Mountain Lake Park. These guests added to our treasury a neat little balance with which needed repairs on the Home will be made.

The amount of the free entertainment fund raised was $165.20, out of which was paid board, railroad fares, outing, and Chautauqua tickets for our deaconesses and missionaries.

Donations to the amount of $57.35 have been received in the form of groceries, fruit, and eggs.

Miss Hicks was unanimously invited to take charge next year.

Elvira Olney Rest Cottage.

Epworth-on-the-Lake Ludington, Mich.

This Home has been filled this summer with missionaries, deaconesses, and good, earnest Christian people, who have come to the shores of our beautiful lake for rest and also for the inspiration and new life they can gain from the teaching of the Epworth League Assembly that gathers here every summer. There are few such beautiful spots where groves and water together give a variety of enjoyment, and where intellectual and spiritual feasts are constantly spread for those who will partake.

God has richly blessed this Home during the past summer, and we are grateful that He has given us this rest by His waters for His tired workers.

Wing Rest Home.

Huntington Beach, California.

Mrs. A. E. FOOTE, Superintendent.

The Wing Deaconess Rest Home is situated on a fine lot about four blocks from the ocean. It is a six-room, modern cottage, is nicely furnished throughout, and is free from debt. The building was dedicated April 18, 1906, by Rev. Dr. E. R. Willis.

This rest home has brought renewed strength to many tired out workers since its opening. Eleven deaconesses have been entertained in the Home.

The purpose in building this Home was to have a quiet, restful place which would be absolutely free to the deaconesses under our care. All workers outside the Conference pay a nominal price when entertained in the Rest Home. There is great interest manifest in this work.

CHINESE WORK.

2116 Spaulding Ave., Berkeley, Cal.

The first part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society year, 1905 and 1906, was spent in trying to interest Auxiliaries and Conferences in taking more scholarships for the Home children and the kindergarten, and in securing pledges to pay off the mortgage. The result of the effort was shown at the General Annual Meeting in pledges for support of four-

teen girls in the Home and twenty-five kindergarten children, $1,265.00 on the mortgage and $420.00 on salaries and current expenses. This was pledged by Eastern Conferences. Our own Conference pledged the support of seven girls in the Home and eight of the kindergarten children, which, together with the current expense, made in all $1,000.00 pledged.

I am glad to say that our own Conference paid this year $1,475.00, nearly $500.00 more than pledged.

Our next undertaking was to furnish as many conveniences as possible for the Home and make the kindergarten room accommodate the pupils with chairs and desks. We had accomplished many of these undertakings and the Bureau felt a just pride in the results as it faced the Christmas holidays with great enthusiasm. It was only a few days before Christmas. Every child in the Home had spent the last cent and all friends had been remembered, and there remained only three days till the joyous expectancy should be reality, when the greatest sorrow ever felt in the Home came. Esther, the bright, happy girl of the Home, went to the roof while it was being repaired, to play with others. All had been forbidden to go there, but the view was so magnificent and it seemed so safe, that they thought it would pay for a rebuke. In the recklessness of play she sat on the coping, and leaning back, laughing, lost her balance and fell to her death. On the Friday before Christmas we buried her, feeling that she left only pleasant memories, and that the disobedience that cut short her life was not an indication of her general disposition in any degree. All the children and workers loved her on account of her happy, sunny disposition and willingness to obey.

The first part of the Mortgage of $1,250, amounting to $750 was paid in January. This was done to save another suit, although we had to borrow the money to do it. The routine of the missionary work went on, sometimes with incidents to excite our keenest interest, and again our courage would fail. There seemed, on the whole, a greater interest in the spiritual line than for a long time. The kindergarten was full and we were delighted with the largest Chinese kindergarten on the Coast. The Home was doing its best work, reaching many who had no other refuge to look to. Others for a time claimed our protection and then when it seemed safe went out to friends. During the year we have had thirty new ones in the Home. There are twenty-nine in the Home at present. The school has attracted many parents who have entreated us to take their children into the Home as boarders, so they would get the training of the Home and school. One little bound-footed girl came many times, saying she could not walk to and from school. After receiving our final answer in the negative, she surprised us by appearing one day with her feet unbound, saying, "I begged my parents to let me, so I could go to your school and learn like your girls." She attended school regularly.

The plans for the new year had just been made out and sent on to the General Executive Committee, meeting quarterly in Cincinnati, so that our needs for the new year might be published and sent to all Conference Secretaries. As a thief in the night to most unsuspecting victims, came the great calamity of our city and State—the earthquake and fire. Our beautiful Home, with the accumulations of thirty years had gone in a brief twenty-four hours. The story of how through fear the household of our Chinese Home spent the day in the old mission across the street, and in the evening went to Mrs. L. P. Williams' and passed the night, and on Friday morning started on the long walk from Sacramento and Scott Streets to the ferry, a long way round, reaching Berkeley at four o'clock in the afternoon, worn out and hungry, is familiar to all. The children were kept in the homes of Americans until the present Home was se-

cured and enough put in it to make it possible to live there. The days of house-hunting and furnishing and standing in the bread-line will not be forgotten. The gladdening of our hearts by our friends getting for us what we were not able to secure ourselves from the Committees in charge, was a great satisfaction to us. Then the sympathy and generosity displayed by all is a continuous pleasure to contemplate. By the close of the year, the Home was comfortably furnished and our schoolroom equipped for school work.

The insurance of $4,000 was received and put in the bank, being the full amount for which we were insured. At the close of the year, June 30th, we had received gifts from all over the country to the amount of $800 for the new building, besides that given to refurnish our Home. We have great need to rejoice in the goodness and mercy of our Father, who has spared our household in health and from all injury in this great calamity, and raised up such kind and generous friends to help us care for it.

New plans had to be made to cover our increased expenses for the year. The kindergarten children are mostly located in Oakland where the missionary, Mrs. Chan, and kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Hussey, have been working constantly for their relief, both as to food and clothes. We propose to carry on the kindergarten in Oakland as long as there are children enough to demand it. Forty-four are now in attendance. This means expense of kindergarten room. Our temporary Home rent and a teacher's hire will mean from $90 to $100 extra money a month this year, to be secured in pledges. We never felt the need of the Home more than this last year.

The steamer work is very important and greatly helps in remanding the slave girls sent over here.

Until the Chinese nation receives Christianity and their daughters and wives can not be sold, our Home must stand as a refuge where the true Light of the world can be known and loved.

In building again we must build to accommodate kindergarten, primary, and grammar grade of school work. The high schools are open to these Oriental people's, but of what general use unless the under grade preparation can be secured. There were 4,000 Chinese children of school age before the calamity, with accommodation for perhaps 500, and an attendance of 375. Parents could not be *urged* to send or the buildings would be soon overcrowded.

It is greatly hoped that the privilege will be granted to purchase the lot of twenty feet next to our Home and also twelve feet (once an alley) that lies between our property and the Parent Board property, which would make them join. This could be purchased for $3,500. The lot on the rear we should have also. It is twenty feet and facing on a very narrow street, ought to be purchased for $1,000. The Parent Board will buy the property of twenty feet and twelve feet between us if we do not. The necessities of the work demands more ground, and if we do not purchase now it can not ever be used to such advantage as before we build. This has long been coveted. Why can not it now become a realization? We have faith to believe it will.

Mrs. T. F. Davis and Miss Nora Banks are doing house to house missionary work and teaching English. There is no Chinese woman or girl who is in trouble in any way but that every interest is carefully served. Many of the girls of the Chinese Home in San Francisco were rescued by these workers in Los Angeles; one has been rescued since the earthquake by these missionaries.

MRS. F. D. BOVARD, *Secretary.*

JAPANESE AND KOREAN WORK.

The doxology has been the song of praise upon the lips of the members of the Japanese and Korean Bureau for the past year, it having been a year marked by continuous showers of blessings. The property in San Francisco which was being negotiated for at the time of last year's Annual Meeting, has been a home of comfort and happiness for the many members of our family. Bought at a time when there was not a dollar in sight with which to meet the purchase, yet bought because it seemed a better proposition to borrow the money for its purchase and pay interest (which would amount to far less per month than the rent of a suitable house). God has honored the courage it took to take such a step, for within a month after the purchase, it was put into the hearts of the generous women of the Pittston Auxiliary, of the Wyoming Conference, to donate $4,000.00 left them by a sainted sister, whose name the Home now bears, *"Ellen Stark Ford."* This money enabled the Bureau to pay all, excepting the mortgage of $4,500.00; $500.00 of which has since been met, leaving only $4,000.00 upon the San Francisco Home at the present time.

Many blessed opportunities have been given in this Home to help those who needed its sheltering protection. At the time of the great disaster of April 18th, when so many of the Japanese people were left not only homeless, but bereft of business as well, the Home truly proved a place of refuge, the lower part of the building being given to the men, fifty (50) of whom were glad to accept the hospitality tendered. The Japanese church having been destroyed by fire, there was placed in our windows a notice of Church services to be held in the schoolrooms each night, which attracted all passers-by.

The two upper floors were occupied by our family, and the seventy (70) little women and children who came in for a temporary home. While the house was badly shaken by the earthquake, yet our Home still remains, where our devoted missionary, Miss Marguerita Lake, who is untiring in her efforts to help and to save her little sisters of the Orient, has had her trials to meet, having passed through the ordeal of an operation for appendicitis, and now one of her truest and best in the Home is laid low with disease. This saddens the heart, not only of the missionary, but all who are interested in the Home.

Two hundred and twenty women and girls have passed through the Home this year. The marriage feature is always one of interest in every home, but especially so in ours, the little brides coming from Japan to meet their husbands, whom they have only seen in photograph, are handed over to the tender care of the missionary, who purchases their American wardrobe, secures the license and preacher, and witnesses the marriage, and thus meets the requirements of our Government, and makes happy the two who wish to become one. Fifty of these ceremonies have taken place in the Home this year. One birth has been recorded, child of a refugee mother cared for after the disaster. There is a good school in the Home where the girls working in families can come and take the same course as taught in our grammar schools. Miss Minnie Taylor, of Los Angeles, is the resident teacher. A sewing school is conducted by our matron, Mrs. Lake, and the girls in the Home and the little women on the outside are taught to make their own dresses, as well as the garments for the children, sixteen of whom we have in the Home, four under the age of one year, and four under five years of age. The child problem is one that is confronting us at the present time. We have many appeals to take the little ones, from parents who have lost their all, both

parents being compelled to go out to service in order to re-establish a home. They are pleading for us to build an addition, or rent another house, and they will gladly pay a sum each month for the care of the little ones. Our lot is ample in size to admit of an addition being built to the Home, and we come to you pleading for money with which to build, so that this work may be done. For the hope of the future is in the children.

Our missionary conducts a Sunday-school in the Home, with an average attendance of twenty-five, Miss Taylor having charge of the primary work, and Miss Lake the Bible classes, this service is the brightest hour in the week for many of the outside girls. A King's Daughters' Circle is one of the helpful features, numbering fourteen, and five more asking to join. Seven of these have been consecrated, and four will be baptized at the next quarterly meeting of the Church. This Circle is doing a beautiful work among the sick and needy.. Through their efforts in visiting the Japanese Hospital one poor woman is opening her heart to the Gospel truths. At present there are twenty-nine permanently in the Home. Each steamer from the Orient has been met, and with the exception of two steamers, each have contributed two or more women to the Home. While there are few in comparison coming from Japan, and those of the better class (the examinations for passports being so rigid), there is a great influx from the islands of the lower classes, who are permitted to land, and whom we can not reach. From August 1st to the 15th of the present year, 1,000 Japanese entered our port, the proportion of those from Japan being six or seven to 200 and 300 from Honolulu. Could a Rescue Home be established many of these women could be reached, but under the present conditions this work can not be done.

The work in Los Angeles is prospering under the care of our faithful deaconess, and we come to you for the third year pleading for a worker in the north, where the steamers are entering that port laden with their burdens of humanity, many of whom are sisters from the Orient needing the friendly care and protection of the missionary deaconess. May we hope at this time to reach your practical sympathy, and thus enable us to start a work in Seattle?

The work in Hawaii shows blessed results for the very small outlay given to such a vast field, and which at the present seems white to the harvest. If we could but have the means to send the workers who are willing and ready to go. We plead for *one more* worker *at least* for Hawaii. Miss Jayne, who has been on the verge of a nervous breakdown, has been released for a time, and Mrs. Metta S. Mack, a most efficient and devoted worker has been sent to take up the work laid down for a time by Miss Jayne. During the year fifty-two women and children have been in the Home, seven marriages have been solemnized, and four have expressed a desire and are being trained for Christian workers. Last December when our beloved Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton visited the islands they found the Home in an unhealthy locality, the rent high, and through their efforts a magnificent piece of property known as the "Melrose" was purchased for the sum of $8,000.00. Only $3,800.00 of this amount is yet to be paid. The property consists of three houses, with fifty rooms; it is well adapted for carrying on the three phases of work—Rescue, children's, and women's homes, but it is impossible for one worker to do the work of three. My sisters, can we look to you help in this great and needy field?

We plead for twenty-five scholarships for Susannah Wesley Home.

MRS. C. B. PERKINS, *Secretary.*

PORTO RICO.

It is with grateful hearts we make our annual report of the work our organization is doing in the beautiful Island of Porto Rico. Although no new work has been opened, as we had hoped to report, still we are encouraged because our schools have been wonderously prospered in every way. One year ago we sent two young women graduates from our own schools at Morristown, Tenn., and Washington, D. C., and they have succeeded even beyond our anticipations, and we are firmly convinced of the wisdom of securing women trained in the schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for our work when practicable. For good reasons two of our workers have withdrawn from our work, and in their places we have Miss Rose N. Cunningham, for six years a missionary in Cuba and Mrs. Floyd Allen, for years a worker in South America. These women bring to us experience and a knowledge of Spanish people which means much to our work.

The McKinley Day School, San Juan.

(Scholarship, $25.)

The McKinley Day School presents a most excellent report for the year past and greater promise for the ensuing year. In connection with the McKinley School we now have a kindergarten department which is proving very attractive under the direction of Mrs. Allen. In addition to the regular school work, both Miss Thayer and Mrs. Allen are visiting the homes of the children and holding services wherever practicable in the "patirs."

The George O. Robinson Orphanage, San Turce.

(Scholarship, $40.)

The George O. Robinson Orphanage will soon occupy the handsome new building in San Turce. During the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson and Miss Bancroft last winter to the island, a suitable and valuable property was purchased and immediately work commenced on the building. To the generous and large gift of $10,000 from Mr. Robinson has been added the smaller amounts of money gathered during the past five years by our loyal women which has made this possible. We feel as if the yoke of bondage has been broken and we need no longer be subservient to a Roman Catholic landlord, and we say with full hearts, "Praise the Lord." By the first of February we shall occupy our new home. How we long to dedicate free from debt! In order to do this we must urge our women to hasten along the money pledged and as much more as can be secured.

The house must be furnished, and for this purpose we must look to our auxiliaries and friends for funds. Because of the climatic conditions we must furnish plainly, but substantially. Beds are needed for thirty-six girls more than we now have, for with increased facilities our family must increase from twenty-three to seventy. Beds may be named for twenty-five dollars each, and some friends have helped in this way. Increase in facilities and family means more Student Aid money. There is opportunity to help in this work *now*. Will not every one who reads this brief resume "Help a little?"

(MRS.) MAY LEONARD WOODRUFF, *Secretary*.

SPANISH WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Frances DePauw Spanish Industrial School, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Scholarship, $60.)

We promised, last year, excellent results in the Frances DePauw Spanish Industrial School if funds sufficient to carry on the work were provided. The money came to pay all expenses and the promise has been kept. Sixty-three girls were enrolled, ten more than the previous year, a greater average attendance obtained, and more money received from families of the girls, Mexican people, than ever before.

We have formed the habit of asking our Heavenly Father to send us all the girls that we have accommodations for who need our help, and the means to support them in the school. To-day our hearts are filled with thankfulness to Him and to you, His stewards, who have so kindly helped us, because each year we have been enabled to take a step forward without contracting debts.

During the past year the girls became especially interested in mission work outside of their own field. Out of their little savings they paid $2.50 toward the Silver Offerings, $2.00 to each of the Homes, Harwood and Susannah Wesley, and had a small balance for their own school.

At Miss Newnom's suggestion, mite boxes of different colors were procured, one for each table. Twice a week they are brought out and as they sang "All for Jesus," the pennies were dropped into the boxes. I have watched with pleasure the good-natured rivalry among the girls of the different tables. They earn the pennies in various ways and give them gladly. Miss Newnom says "It is a joy to see them drop their pennies into the boxes, and if we older ones gave in proportion as these dear ones, the debt of our Society would soon be cancelled."

The San Francisco earthquake awakened their sympathies, and they sewed with a hearty good will, and made clothing, while some brought garments from their scanty wardrobes to send to the sufferers. They prayed earnestly for Maria, one of the old girls, who was married and living in San Francisco. She escaped unharmed.

There is one feature of our work to which I think we have never called sufficient attention; that is, the self-sacrifice of the teachers in our industrial schools. From five-thirty in the morning until nine o'clock at night the teachers in the Frances DePauw School are teaching, and if there is a sick child, some one must be watching during the night.

Take our course of study: School work—Subjects taught in public schools from first to eighth grade. Music—Instrumental, piano, guitar, mandolin, organ; vocal, same as in public school. Industrial work—Laundering, house work, cooking, gardening, sewing, embroidering, plain sewing, dress making. Bible study each morning of the week.

All this for three teachers, the music taught by persons outside who give their services.

Clothing made from second-hand garments, and all the duties performed that belong to a well-ordered household.

The children come, many of them, untrained, and it is the teachers' task to make of them good women. I want to give due credit to Miss Marguerite Tripp, who was for five years Superintendent; Miss Jennie Mathias, five years a teacher and one year Superintendent; Miss Antoinette Choate, teacher of industrial work; and Miss Emma V. Newnom, teacher of the ungraded school, for their efficient services in making the school a success during the past six years.

The Superintendent, Miss Jennie Mathias, still keeps living expenses near $5.00 per month for each pupil, notwithstanding the rise in the price of provisions, so we put our scholarships at $50 each.

Missions.

The Spanish missions are still receiving aid from the Frontier Fund of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the pastors are hard at work trying to make Christians out of those who have lived under the curse of Romanism, as it is in Spanish countries.

Rev. Paul Penzotti left Los Angeles for Porto Rico, and Rev. J. P. Gilliland, missionary from South America, takes his place.

MRS. A. M. WHITSON, *Secretary.*

MISSION SUPPLIES.

Sixty-five Conferences were upon the roll of the Bureau for Mission Supplies, sixty of which have reported.

It was found somewhat difficult to introduce the new plan for reporting second-hand garments, as nearly three months of the year were gone when the action was taken.

Notwithstanding this difficulty only five Conferences failed to report the number of such garments sent out. We may truly say that the plan has proven a success.

The number of families assisted does not vary much from year to year. The number this year may be safely estimated at 1,000.

Twenty-five fur coats have added to the comfort of that many ministers and twenty rag carpets have helped to make that number of parsonages more comfortable.

Almost numberless boxes have been sent to our Industrial Homes to bring Christmas cheer at the holiday time. Altogether it has been a good year in this Bureau, and we thank the Father who has smiled upon our efforts to help just a little. We ask for a continuance of your interest in this work, knowing that while our Methodism is reaching out into new territory and planting Churches upon our borders, the work of this Bureau, carrying encouragement and comfort to the heroic self-sacrificing home missionary will be a necessity.

REPORT BY CONFERENCES.

Conferences.	Cash.	Garments.
Baltimore	$2,521 03	1,013
California	1,003 45	1,000
Central Illinois	469 24	500
Central New York	1,382 54	1,254
Central Ohio	653 92	950
Central Pennsylvania	1,095 00	663
Cincinnati	1,822 08	3,148
Colorado	1,676 93	7,873
Columbia River	35 40	32
Des Moines	263 41	280
Detroit	2,075 86	799
East Ohio	761 90	873
Erie	2,029 88	743

Conferences.	Cash.	Garments.
Genesee	5,027 82	8,955
Holston	54 56	250
Illinois	730 90	650
Indiana	751 39	885
Iowa	414 72	723
Kansas	140 18	50
Kentucky	130 38	197
Lexington	9 65	.....
Maine	578 50	1,601
Michigan	520 50	510
Minnesota	684 49	828
Nebraska	305 40	50
Newark	3,395 58	1,702
New England	489 43	1,461
New England Southern	517 89	1,050
New Hampshire	170 00	373
New Jersey	811 10	1,273
New York	3,325 83	1,321
New York East	1,257 87	1,738
North Dakota	445 43	385
North Indiana	943 17	1,034
North Ohio	1,378 57	905
Northwest Indiana	953 74	2,521
Northwest Iowa	500 00	3,844
North Nebraska	652 86	647
North Minnesota	473 30	500
Northern New York	1,173 52	1,945
Ohio	1,309 10	525
Oregon	261 05	670
Philadelphia	2,771 60	1,515
Pittsburg	1,773 00	.....
Puget Sound	185 00	170
Rock River	1,748 00	3,123
St. Louis	240 00	343
South Kansas	114 00	.....
Southwest Kansas	410 00	681
Southern California	1,751 75	1,000
Southern Illinois	320 11	522
Troy	3,712 15	2,983
Upper Iowa	620 00	1,274
Vermont	161 21	.....
Virginia	75 35	.....
West Virginia	250 80	90
West Wisconsin	43 20	39
Wilmington	693 26	253
Wisconsin	252 83	309
Wyoming	825 01	1,500
	$59,449 58	69,524

An increase of $26,368.81.

(MRS.) H. C. JENNINGS, *Secretary.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.—I.

Queen Esther Circles and Young Women's Societies.

I bring my annual report with great joy because its careful preparation more nearly gives the exact result of the young women's work of the year. It is almost a misnomer to say "exact result" for it simply states a few figures leaving out of account the more important educational and spiritual features of the work of your Queen Esther Circles and Young Women's Societies.

How may we compute the holy inspiration and personal enthusiasm which has actuated these young disciples in serving the Master whose cause is so dear to their loving hearts? The hope and faith of youth should be nurtured and appropriated to the work of the Lord with the same zeal with which the capitalist of to-day seeks to profit on the labor of baby fingers.

The cry of overtaxed children is the saddest note of present-day civilization. When an Indian prince was shown the glories of our American commercial world, its wonderful buildings, machinery, and products, he was asked, "What do you see that surprises you most?" and he replied to America's shame, "To see your children work—our children play." Greed, the motive power in our great financial world, utilizes every opportunity for gain. Should we not emulate this energy in elevating our young women into higher life of Christian activity?

Child labor in the poisonous air of our deadly factories, breeds disease in both body and soul, weakening and degrading both slaves and enslaver. The labor of young people in the garden of the Lord enriches youth and beautifies its growing strength. Are we sufficiently earnest in our search for young lives to be won for the Master's service? Are there not still thousands of childless auxiliaries indifferent to the eager young girls who are only waiting for an invitation to work for the love of Christ for the salvation of our country?

The magniificent increase in the Circles and in the cash receipts is most encouraging for the future. There are 124 new Circles and more than 1,000 new members. The amount given by these young women to our financial treasury aggregates nearly $25,000.00. This indicates from the Circle members one-third as much as from the senior members. As these young women are nearly all minors, possessing no personal income, it is surprising that they can add to the fund, pro rata, one-third as much per member as our senior members. For every dollar given by a senior member, about 33 cents has been given by one of our Queen Esther girls, pro rata.

Not alone to champion or banner societies should the meed of praise be given, but to those Conferences which have had a healthy, constant, and vigorous growth, whether they have outstripped others or not. Cincinnati, Erie, Illinois, New York East, Troy, and Rock River have made a large increase in Circles. Detroit Conference leads both in the number and increase of members. Philadelphia and New Jersey Conferences lead in the Silver Offering. To that banner Conference, the Baltimore, you must all give honor, for this year she becomes the Champion Conference, her increase over last year is a sum almost equaling the largest total from any Conference, and her young women's total is $3,860.77. She thus very gracefully retires from the list of contestants for the flag and becomes the Champion Conference.

Cincinnati, Detroit, and Philadelphia are among the largest contributors, but East Ohio wins the flag and thus "bears the palm away." Her

young women report as contributed $1,418.23. The faithful Secretary, Mrs. Bonsall deserves this success, and receives the new Circle banner.

Foundry Circle, so long the banner Circle, now becomes the Champion Circle. Our new and beautiful banner has been free to all competitors this year. The girls of Maine, of Kentucky, California, and Illinois were all the possible possessors of this Circle Banner, but one Circle has been unwearied in the race. They rummaged in rummage sale, they held a Christmas sale, and by ways many and varied have raised the large sum of $1,621.29. The President of this Circle attended the Annual Meeting at Indianapolis and was inspired to great energy. This Circle is the Hamline Circle, of Washington, D. C., and is the first winner of the Circle banner.

The grand work done by Miss Barge has been gloriously productive in every Conference she has visited. If her wonderful inspiration could be given all Conferences, great results would follow. The new Queen Esther mite-boxes have been gladly welcomed, also the new report blanks for Treasurers and the several new leaflets which have been prepared. There is a grand purpose in the heart of every Conference Secretary to do work in the coming year.

So much for retrospect, a backward look down a shining road of progress. To prospect, as the miners know, means a testing at different points. We remember the gold bearing hills of Cripple Creek with their services mottled by anthills of disturbed earth where the gold was sought for vainly. Such tests were necessary to a final success. In our young people's work we are searching for golden results. To attain them we must investigate and advance.

In my report last year the following resolution was embodied. It has been considered by the board, is now offered for your consideration, and is as follows:

As our Conferences send capable women to represent young people's work at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, it is requested that such delegates be given a vote in that body.

To procure fruit we must till the soil, plant the seed, and cultivate the young plants. Will our seeds called leaflets, grow by themselves? To do this, scatter your leaflets constantly, wisely, appeal in season and out of season to all your young women. Multiply your efforts and thus multiply our reports of good deeds done. Enforce the spiritual as well as the social and financial side of young women's work, and in the coming year the Lord will give us still greater increase.

MRS. C. W. GALLAGHER, *Secretary.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.—II.

Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

The awakening sense of responsibility on the part of auxiliaries for the missionary training of the children, an increased number of interested and active Secretaries of Young People's Work, more systematic and intelligent planning in regard to the children's money—these are the encouraging features of the children's work. The discouragements are not worth mentioning. The faint-hearted are growing stronger, the indifferent are beginning to recognize that the loss is their own, the ignorant are catching glimpses of wondrous possibilities in hitherto untilled fields, and so again "we thank God and take courage."

The financial statement speaks for itself and affords a basis for inter-

Statistical Report of Young Women's Work.

Conferences.	Circles	Members	Dues	Value Supplies.	Student Aid	Silver Offering.	Total Cash
Alabama,							
Arkansas,	3	30	5 45	$1 00		$5 00	$ 10 45
Atlanta,	1	30	6 00		$10 00		10 00
Baltimore,	29	1,099	$315 78	195 35	438 00	118 25	3,860 77
California,	12	229	19 27		243 85	25 00	288 32
Central Illinois,	14	238	131 46		166 50	154 50	526 57
Central Ohio,	19	551	188 53	180 75	110 00		582 56
Central Pennsylvania,	18	366	163 87	28 65	186 86	28 20	535 63
Central New York,	30	739	181 09	200 00	52 60		605 44
Cincinnati,	29	540	193 37	78 90	295 50	186 25	977 17
Colorado,	14	410					115 00
Detroit,	44	1,037	272 10	37 70	606 00		1,098 67
Des Moines,	25	403	188 45	29 16	209 50	30 00	531 73
East Ohio,	23	748	328 55	100 00	684 25	262 75	1,418 23
East Tennessee,	2	18					
Erie	24	583	156 38	167 32	254 03		794 41
Genesee,	10	330	12 50		125 00	85 00	232 50
Gulf Mission,	3	75					
Holston,	11	297					200 00
Indiana,	11	736	73 54	8 00	20 00	5 00	131 57
Iowa,	17	333	111 05	17 25	181 00	114 16	416 49
Illinois,	23	300	120 55	33 50	82 50	11 50	359 55
Kansas,	18	298	111 27	58 90	94 50	52 35	381 10
Kentucky,	6	167	23 00		30 00		66 67
Lexington,	2	35					
Little Rock,	2	34	5 45	25	5 00	5 00	15 45
Maine,	8	180	22 15	25 00	50 00		93 70
Michigan,	19	360	110 09	179 07	133 20	26 25	363 40
Minnesota,	11	200	58 50		116 35	21 00	202 40
Nebraska,	7	146	27 37	8 70	46 80	10 00	94 69
Newark,	18	390	150 30	186 17	188 00	63 14	576 35
New England,	15	290	73 15		146 00	51 20	270 35
New England Southern,	10	138	48 00		140 00	17 50	205 50
New Hampshire,	4	76	37 82		56 00	2 50	98 42
New Jersey,	19	363	117 62	110 12	152 00	290 00	683 18
New York,	25	120	76 00	175 00	110 00	25 00	205 00
New York East,	24	475	88 00	208 87	180 18	68 00	340 91
North Dakota,	7	70	16 00		65 22		97 67
North Indiana,	9	212	63 41	112 51	187 16		250 57
Northern Minnesota,	18	330					102 00
Northern New York,	26	605	78 81	81 00	232 50	54 00	389 99
North Nebraska,	9	164	51 32	30 25	33 50	5 50	90 32
North Ohio,	13	236	87 59	95 55	177 50		265 09
Northwest Iowa,	13	208	53 00		43 52	3 00	106 52
Northwest Indiana,	8	158	85 67		97 17	86 65	308 88
Ohio,	10	382	191 14	11 00	208 68	112 00	841 05
Oregon,	2	35	1 83			25 00	26 83
Philadelphia,	30	695	152 31	509 47	552 00	353 50	1,372 29
Pittsburg,	12	164	68 70	39 42			289 59
Puget Sound,	3	38					65 00
Rock River,	35	515	141 02	28 75	151 58		324 00
Southern California,	14	415	62 53	47 75	51 00		456 26
South Kansas,	9	177	20 43				52 00
Southern Illinois,	11	167	42 59	13 00	54 17		104 34
St. Louis,	8	184	105 80	32 05	48 31		237 97
Southwest Kansas,	20	660					800 34
Troy,	34	929	337 07	194 10	402 46	123 00	1,000 41
Upper Iowa,	14	374				90 10	317 58
Vermont,	3	133	56 40	5 00	81 00		148 90
West Virginia,	4	74					12 00
West Wisconsin,	6	101	24 20		40 00		125 00
Wilmington,	9	252	125 70	35 00	132 50	60 00	320 77
Wyoming,	9	220	88 90	76 25	180 00	52 50	425 48
Totals,	885	18,856	$5,271 08	$3,330 79	$8,051 89	$2,302 80	$24,623 03

esting study. As compared with last year there is a gain in dues of $1,143.67, in Student Aid of $1,158.08, in amount paid for Silver Offering of $104.24, and in amount of other funds (including sums paid for the furnishing of rooms, the Children's San Francisco Emergency Fund, cash paid out for supply work, etc.) of $530.58. The total gain over last year's figures is $2,860.16.

It is gratifying to note that the greatest gains are just where they should be—in the amounts given for dues and for Student Aid. The personalities of the children they support are very real to our boys and girls. "God bless the little girl that I am taking care of in Porto Rico," prayed a dear little four-year-old member of the primary class whose pennies were sent for the support of a girl in the McKinley School. And this is but one of many prayers that childish lips offer to Him who hears even the little ones.

This year we add to the Home Guard banner a new series of awards. The red, white, and blue ribbons which are given are of little value in themselves, but very precious in that which they represent. The Home Guard banner, for the greatest per cent of increase in Home Guard membership, as reported to the Bureau Secretary, is won by Rock River Conference, with a gain of 317 per cent. New Hampshine stands second, gaining 125 per cent, and Iowa third with 109 per cent. Rock River Conference also wins the red ribbon, given this year for the largest reported Jewel membership, Wyoming and Cincinnati standing second and third respectively. This ribbon will be awarded next year for the largest per cent of increase in Jewel membership, and, as with the Home Guard banner, any Conference reporting twenty-five members this year is eligible to compete for the award. The white ribbon, given for the greatest per cent of increase in the payment of dues, is won by Troy Conference, which has made a gain of 562 per cent. North Dakota comes next with 298 per cent, and Central Ohio third with 158 per cent. The blue ribbon, given for the greatest per cent of increase in Student Aid Money, goes to Minnesota Conference, which has made a gain of 406 per cent. Maine is next with 350 per cent. and Nebraska comes third with 301 per cent. Any Conference reporting at least ten dollars either for dues or for Student Aid money is eligible to compete for the white or the blue ribbon.

Like our sisters of the temperance host, we may bend a listening ear and

> "Hark to the tread of many feet,
> From hall and playground, church and street."

They are ready to move bravely on, but there must be leaders to give the word "Forward march." Where are the volunteers for this company, now of boys and girls, but soon to be the men and women who will shape the laws and mold the opinion of the Church and of society in the next generation? Who will train these boys and girls so that they may be ready to carry forward the magnificent work now begun by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church? What will become of that work in the future if the boys and girls of to-day are not trained to understand it, to love it, and to meet its responsibilities?

(MISS) ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(Including Home Guards, Mothers' Jewels, Junior Leagues, and Sunday-school classes of children. The figures given are only those received from Conference Treasurers.)

Conferences	General Fund	Student Aid	Silver Anniversary	Other Funds	Total	Pledges
Alabama,	$5 00	$15 00			$20 00	
Atlanta,	3 10				3 10	
Austin,						
Baltimore,	21 30	171 55		$188 53	381 18	
California,	5 50	54 20			59 70	
Central Illinois,	16 25	12 75		5 75	34 75	$30 00
Central New York,	116 61	40 25	$27 15	29 37	213 38	
Central Ohio,	71 02	56 10	18 15		145 27	
Central Pennsylvania,	67 05	83 75	8 00	13 60	172 40	
Cincinnati,	82 38			9 50	91 88	128 00
Colorado,	51 79			31 62	83 41	
Des Moines,	25 81		1 09	44 68	71 58	15 00
Delaware,						
Detroit,	8 30			1 00	9 30	
East Ohio,	113 91	402 51	12 73	32 15	561 30	220 00
Erie,	50 67	91 85	8 69	23 70	174 97	40 00
Genesee,	229 53	35 00	54 68	16 00	335 21	
Holston,	85				85	
Illinois,	30 25		6 38	15 71	52 34	22 00
Indiana,	84 13			2 00	86 13	30 00
Iowa,	24 23	10 00		11 50	45 73	36 00
Kansas,	3 10			1 00	4 10	10 00
Kentucky,	10 50				10 50	10 00
Lexington,	9 50	6 00			15 50	
Little Rock,	5 76				5 76	
Maine,	13 95	54 00	22 75	22 00	112 70	
Michigan,	88 53	78 74	25	15 05	182 57	25 00
Minnesota,	19 53	33 20			52 73	35 00
Missouri,						
Nebraska,	20 24	15 00		5 15	40 39	20 00
Newark,	106 80	201 19	26 54	113 47	448 00	165 00
New England,	150 45			7 50	157 95	5 00
New England Southern,	73 17			25	73 42	
New Hampshire,	55 75	64 43	2 50	1 00	123 68	
New Jersey,	65 41	170 01	20 74	46 33	302 49	75 00
New York,	24 40	39 00	30 08	109 50	202 98	3 00
New York East,	14 63	75 00	2 00	13 00	104 63	30 00
North Dakota,	39 51	18 00		11 12	68 63	40 00
North Indiana,	141 81	129 08	25 52	3 00	299 41	9 00
North Nebraska,	43 73			10 00	53 73	10 00
North Ohio,	74 81	74 50	3 68	25 76	178 75	
Northern Minnesota,	31 42	45 25			76 67	55 00
Northern New York,	57 87	53 22	13 77		124 86	21 75
Northwest Indiana,	32 93	44 28		18 75	95 96	15 00
Northwest Iowa,	45 65			20 00	65 65	10 00
Ohio,	48 53	64 70	3 65	40 16	157 04	18 00
Oregon,	4 25	8 35	2 50	3 35	18 45	35 00
Philadelphia,	27 00	94 51		14 50	136 01	66 00
Pittsburg,	57 13				57 13	55 00
Puget Sound,	9 11			5 00	14 11	
Rock River,	210 69	177 70	45 60	18 00	451 99	411 60
St. Louis,	20 70	21 40			42 10	
South Kansas,						
South California,	118 73	65 65		101 30	285 68	
South Illinois,	7 61				7 61	10 00
Southwest Kansas,	31 05	81 00	2 45	85	115 35	5 00
Texas,	5 38				5 38	
Troy,	65 25	63 00	11 50	10 65	150 40	77 00
Upper Iowa,	66 05	93 23	51 60	3 00	213 88	20 00
Vermont,	60 33	53 00			113 33	40 00
West Wisconsin,	2 35			12 00	14 35	
Wilmington,	78 89	40 20	9 00		128 09	
Wisconsin,	1 25			1 90	3 15	
Wyoming,	121 94	201 91	3 53	24 66	352 04	115 00
West Virginia,	70				70	
Wyoming Mission,	3 50	5 00			8 50	
Totals,	$3,077 57	$3,043 31	$414 53	$1083 42	$7,618 83	$1,912 35

CHILDREN'S SAN FRANCISCO EMERGENCY FUND.

Baltimore	$5 00	New York East	24 00
Central New York	14 87	North Indiana	3 00
Central Pennsylvania	12 60	North Nebraska	10 00
Cincinnati	1 00	North Ohio	1 00
Colorado	31 62	Northern New York	56 90
Des Moines	16 93	Northwest Iowa	21 30
Detroit	4 00	Oregon	3 35
East Ohio	34 21	Philadelphia	18 50
East Maine	2 00	Pittsburg	2 00
Erie	38 00	Puget Sound	5 00
Genesee	8 15	Rock River	8 00
Indiana	2 00	Southern California	5 00
Kansas	4 00	Southern Illinois	12 00
Lexington	3 00	Troy	20 65
Michigan	7 00	Upper Iowa	5 00
Minnesota	50	Vermont	3 00
Nebraska	13 10	West Nebraska	5 00
Newark	153 78	West Wisconsin	12 00
New England	27 50	Wisconsin	22 90
New England Southern	50 25	Wyoming	19 86
New Hampshire	8 25	West Virginia	125 00
New Jersey	25 00	Ocean Grove Anniversary	11 00
New York	152 25		
			$1,009 47

Reported by Conference Treasurers: Baltimore, $21.50; Central Illinois, $1.00; Northwest Indiana, $11.00; Ohio, $2.00; Philadelphia, $35.00; Wyoming, $2.00 ..... 72 50

$1,081 97

ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Custodian of Fund.*

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

For the fifth time your Field Secretary comes to present an annual report.

Six weeks, beginning with February first, were set aside for a vacation. This gave a long coveted opportunity for visiting the work in the South. Not a day of this time was given to resting, but all of it was spent in studying conditions among both white and colored populations and in visiting seven of our Industrial Homes—Haven, Mary Haven, Boylan, Thayer, Boaz, Ritter, and Ingraham Faith Cottage. These were not only days of enlarged vision, but days of rejoicing over the far-reaching influences of the Woman's Home Missionary Society wherever it has touched the life of a community, and days of heart break over the neglected opportunities on every hand. These experiences made me feel more than ever that *every girl in Methodism* should be in the Queen Esther Circle, and that the young people should raise *all* the scholarship money, for the work is so truly work for the "other girls" of our land.

Eight and one-half months were spent in itineraries in nine Conferences—Illinois, Kansas, Holston, Baltimore, Troy, Northern New York, Detroit, Michigan, and Pittsburg.

July and August were spent in the special summer work. Home Mis-

sion Study classes were taught in one State Epworth League Institute, one State Epworth League Convention, one Conference Training-school, and two Student Conferences. An aggregate of 315 different persons were enrolled in these classes; 202 of these were students (young women) from the colleges in twenty-two different States. The text-book used was the one issued by the Young People's Missionary Movement for use in Epworth Leagues and similar organizations, and entitled "Aliens or Americans?" It is an exhaustive study of the immigration problem, and proved intensely interesting. Seventy Home Mission Study classes will be taught this year by members of these classes in Epworth Leagues and Young Woman's Christian Associations in colleges.

Our gratitude is due the Young Woman's Christian Association and the Epworth League for these splendid opportunities which they give us to reach the choice young people of our Churches. In addition to the study class work, opportunity was given for public addresses on the work; literature was distributed and sold; personal work done, and several organizations of young people and children, not included in my statistical report, have already resulted. Several leaders were secured and ten decided to give their lives as Home Missionaries.

The work in Pittsburg Conference took me through the "Coke regions." This is a mission field of vast proportions and one *dead ripe*, waiting for reapers. Our largest hope lies in the character of the converts, every one of whom is a soul-winner. O that our young people might enter at once this open door among these "incoming millions" of foreign-speaking young people and win them for Jesus Christ.

During the year I have also had the privilege of being in Rust Hall and Fisk Hall. In both institutions I found the students in close touch with the work of the whole Society and maintaining splendid Auxiliaries. But the great need is *more young women* who will give their lives for service as deaconesses.

I also had the pleasure of visiting our Bradley Memorial Children's Home. It is beautiful, well-located, and is doing a Christlike service for 'His lambs"—nineteen of whom were in the Home at the time. I am sure these Children's Homes ought to move our women to see that every Auxiliary gathers a large company of Mothers' Jewels. The giving of the dimes for membership will bless the little hearts who give and will also help this important department of our work.

The work of the year, in figures, follows: Traveled 18,164 miles and spoke 327 times. Among the meetings attended were four Conference Anniversaries, six Conference Meetings, twenty-two District Meetings, four camp-meetings, three State Epworth League Conventions, one District Epworth League Convention, two Epworth League Institutes, two Student Conferences, six Young People's Rallies; twelve Workers' Conferences; seven College Associations; two Junior League Conferences; fifteen Sunday-schools; twenty-eight Epworth League meetings; six Mission Study classes, four regular meetings of Home Guards, thirty-four regular meetings of Circles, and twenty monthly meetings of Auxiliaries. Forty-five new Societies were organized, seven Auxiliaries, twenty-eight Circles, ten Home Guards. One hundred and forty-three subscribers were secured for *Woman's Home Missions* and sixty-three for *Children's*. One hundred and three new members were secured for Auxiliaries, three hundred and seventy-nine for Circles, and one hundred and fifty for Home Guards.

One hundred and fifty-four Churches were visited and collections, exclusive of those taken at District and Conference meetings, exceeded expenses by $625.

I visited personally with nineteen Conference Secretaries of Young People's Work and thirty-four District Secretaries, and have reached several others by correspondence. The most encouraging thing that has come to me this year is the number of earnest, consecrated young women who are taking a genuine interest in this work. Much time and effort has been given to the work of establishing and strengthening the young people's societies already organized. Five years of experience in field work, where we touch the real problems as we can not by any amount of correspondence, has deepened the conviction that it is vastly better to have a *few* Circles doing the work well than to have a large number doing it indifferently, and thus defeat the very purpose for which they exist—"to interest the young people of the Church in missionary work among the ignorant and degraded"—and to *train the young women* for leadership.

Therefore, the stress has been laid upon (1) Systematic *study;* (2) *regular* full payment of *dues;* (3) faithfulness and accuracy in *reporting,* and (4) assuming a *definite pledge* for the *legitimate* work of the Society. The response has been gratifying.

Another encouraging note is in the fact that Circles are beginning to assume the responsibility of "mothering" the Bands of Jewels and Home Guards. I have used every opportunity to inform Junior League Superintendents concerning our courses of study for Juniors, our excellent *Children's Home Missions* and our "scholarship plan."

The year is closed—it is crowded with precious memories that will never die. I *know* the dear women who are interested in this Bureau have been praying and God has heard and answered. But we have not even *approached* the ideal—"no childless Auxiliaries." Let us *plan* large things and then labor and pray them into being.

(MISS) CARRIE BARGE.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

According to promise made last year, the Secretary prepared a pledge card and report blank for use in this Bureau. Judging by the calls for the pledge cards and words of approval spoken, they have met a long felt need. Your Secretary will gladly furnish the cards for the postage—5 cents a hundred. Fifteen thousand cards have already been distributed. Kindly request of each recipient that the card be kept in Bible until ready to sign name. The Conference or District Secretary will please add her name in space allotted before sending out report blank.

The following excerpts from reports received, shows the nature of the work being done in the Conferences:

Mrs. Hudson, of the Des Moines Conference has Secretaries in every district, and tithing discussed at all annual meetings, besides distributing pledge cards and other literature. Des Moines District reports a hundred tithers.

Mrs. Leadley, of the Genesee Conference writes: I think the blanks and cards are going to be an inspiration, and the heads of the different districts will feel that it is necessary to pay more attention to their department.

Mrs. Stratton, of the Erie Conference, put a notice in the *Advocate* requesting all pastors to preach on tithing. Tithing presented at all Woman's Home Missionary Society meetings and other religious meetings. Reports received from every district. Last year 149 tithers enrolled. This year 231 enrolled.

Mrs. Wheeler, of the Michigan Conference, is seed sowing. The harvest will come later.

Miss Mary L. Fisk, of the Wyoming Conference writes: This is the fourth year and we have grown steadily, although very slowly; first year, 69 tithers; second year, 117; third year, 211; fourth year, 255. Next year we must at least double this number.

One Church raised all their money by systematic giving this year. The pastors are preaching on the subject and there is certainly an increased interest in tithing in our Conference.

Mrs. Sanford, of the Central New York Conference is laying foundations.

Mrs. Van Horne, of Southern Illinois Conference, is also laying foundations.

Mrs. Davenport, of the Ohio Conference, reports sermons preached on tithing and 4,598 pages of tithing literature distributed, and above one hundred tithers enrolled.

Mrs. Phillips, of Rock River Conference, has secretaries in each district and effort made to have secretaries in every auxiliary, with fair measure of success; 2,100 leaflets distributed and thirteen special books in circulation. Sermons preached on tithing and tithers enrolled. Tithing often the topic in connection with devotional meetings.

Mrs. Haywood, of the Illinois Conference, reports local secretaries of tithing in 22 of her 64 Auxiliaries; 14 of these report 90 tithers; 4,500 leaflets distributed to 800 persons. Twelve sermons preached on tithing, and but one pastor met who did not believe in tithing.

Mrs. Plested, of the Colorado Conference writes: Our four District Secretaries are faithful and indefatigable. Their letters are full of enthusiastic optimism. Each Auxiliary in the District has received from them letters, literature, suggestions, report blanks, pledge cards, and when possible, personal visits and talks.

The honor of having created the great and growing interest in tithing in our Conference does not belong to us. The distribution of 5,000 copies of "Mary Christopher," by Rev. E. J. Wilcox, has given us an opportunity which we have gladly seized to make the reading of the book general in our Churches, as far as our influence extends. Seven hundred and sixty pages of pay leaflets, besides free, has been distributed. One leaflet bearing on the problem of the tithing of women without stated income, has been freely used. One hundred and forty-six names recorded in Conference tithers book.

Mrs. Jackson, of the North Indiana Conference, writes: One District Secretary is trying to organize a Tithers' League in every pastoral charge. Wish we had such a Secretary in every District. Number of tithers enrolled, 457; number to whom tithing literature has been given, 1,500; pages of literature distributed, 4,776; besides the circulation of "Mary Christopher" and "Partnership with God."

We publish these excerpts from the reports of the Conference Secretaries because of the suggestions contained in them as to methods of work.

We are waiting for other Conferences to fall in line with the forty-eight Conferences on our enrollment books.

We can not close this report without a word of tribute to Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, our predecessor. She gave the $10.00 that paid for the printing of the first 10,000 pledge cards and report blanks. Her interest was intense to the last in furthering the cause of "God's plan of Finance." She sent words of cheer, written by her daughter from her sick bed, just before she went abroad in search of health. May her mantle fall upon us, and may we emulate her noble life.

(MRS.) MARGARET ALSPAUGH, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

ALABAMA.

So far as organization is concerned our ideal is still unreached, but that a missionary spirit is growing is evidenced by larger collections and more favorable discussions of mission subjects.

No one has yet been found upon whom the Conference work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society can be laid and so long as the present secretary must superintend McCleskey Home and travel in the north during the summer there is little hope of securing Auxiliaries in the Conference.

The Conference Anniversary is held each year and has awakened much interest on the part of the ministers. The ministers of the Conference were entertained at dinner while the Conference was in session in Boaz in November.

The Conference has paid $3 per member on Silver Offering, and we are beginning to reach out to help other fields. Boaz has an Auxiliary, Queen Esther Circle and Home Guards, all of whom have contributed during the year. The girls in the Rebecca McCleskey Home sustain a Queen Esther Circle, and were very happy in making the slumber robes which have been helpful to other fields. They also did without butter and cake a month and sustained a girl in a school in India. One of our girls is now preparing for work in Africa.

Miss Hays, our settlement worker, has held 250 services and at these meetings over 500 persons have been converted and many girls sent to our school. One of our girls is traveling companion and helper of Miss Hays, and five others did house to house visitation and mission work during the summer months.

The Lord has been gracious to us. During the first month of our school sixteen girls were converted.

The field is large, opportunity great, equipment necessary and results certain.

"Be thou very courageous and go forward," is our motto.

(Mrs.) Anna D. Elder, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ATLANTA.

The past year the growth of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in the Atlanta Conference, has been limited by physical conditions beyond our control.

In the early year the going away of Miss Martha Drummer, Deacon-

ess, who sailed for West Africa from New York February 14, strangely linked the interests of the home and foreign field.

In February Miss Carrie Barge visited us. Her visit was a benediction to the work and workers. In March I attended a general missionary convention, held at Covington, Ga., Gainsville District, and presented the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Several of the pastors asked that I would come to their charges and present the claims of the Society.

In April the calamity on the Pacific Coast of earthquake and fire, aroused sympathy among our people, and in many of the churches a collection was taken for these sufferers. This was at the time the second quarterly report was due, and this considerably lessened our returns. In May came the fire in South Atlanta, that made forty families houseless and 400 people homeless. The Woman's Home Missionary Society, through its Deaconess and girls of the Queen Esther Circle, did valiant service in rescuing property. During the summer Dr. Wragg, agent of the American Bible Society, occupied Thayer Home. The Deaconess Home provided a home three months for Dr. Oliver and family.

At the District Conferences the work of the Society was represented, and plans were matured for the annual meeting, that was called for October 26, 27 and 28. Mrs. Oliver, Conference president, spent some weeks in visiting the Auxiliaries of the Atlanta District. The District officers have done more in awakening an interest in the work at the Society than any previous year, and we expected our annual meeting to be the best in the history of the society in the Atlanta Conference.

The recent riot in Atlanta, and unsettled conditions in other sections of the State, make it impracticable for the gathering together of the women in convention, and the meeting was called off. Had we had the meeting under favorable conditions, all pledges would have been met. To date $139.00 has been paid. The total amount pledged was $275.00.

The Deaconess Home has been given up. Miss Annie E. Hall, Deaconess for five years in Atlanta, sails for Liberia West Africa, November 24th. Her work there will be training the native girls, that they may be prepared to become the wives of the native Christian workers.

The Kindergarten has been moved to the campus into a room too small. We are working toward the erection of a new building, that shall relieve the congested conditions that obtain at Thayer Home, and hope for ample class rooms including kindergarten room. Pray that we may soon have this building.

(MISS) FLORA MITCHELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BALTIMORE.

It is with joy we come to-day to report the progress of the work of our great Society in the Baltimore Conference. It has been a year of unusual interest and unusual advancement along many lines.

We have aided in the support of our missions and missionaries from Alaska to Porto Rico and from ocean to ocean. When the news of the earthquake in San Francisco reached us, an appeal was sent out to all the auxiliaries in the Conference, and met a generous response.

The Secretary of Supplies reports a fine advancement on the work of last year.

We have an increased list of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.* In *Children's Home Missions* we have gone beyond the one thousand requested.

Our Young People's Work is thoroughly organized, and we are the banner Conference.

During the year a beautiful new Deaconess Home has been purchased in Washington, at 917 O Street, which was dedicated in March. The work in Baltimore has so enlarged that the Home at 708 West Lombard Street became entirely inadequate, and a handsome residence was purchased at 1309 Madison Avenue. This Home was consecrated in May.

The total receipts of the Conference for the year have passed the $20,000 line.

We have had as helpers during the year Miss Carrie Barge, Miss Josephine Corbin, and Miss Mary A. Mahon, who have rendered efficient service. Miss Ida E. Miner, our Conference evangelist, has done excellent work on Frederick District. Miss H. C. Henry has also been helpful in that locality.

We are looking forward to a year of great success in the Master's work. MRS. CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA.

Not alone did San Francisco Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society suffer from the earthquake of April 18, but all of the towns of California felt it to a greater or less degree; and so when the neglected sheaves might have been gathered under normal conditions, when the disaster came, every woman had her own burdens to bear as well as those of the more unfortunate. After fire and earthquake had devastated many miles, and bereft many of homes, the cities around us opened their doors and hearts to their kinsman and friends, and thus was some missionary work done in all our borders; after weeks of camping many children could not go to school because of scanty clothing and so women have worked for months clothing these naked ones. If California Conference does not fulfill her pledge, she has done what she could under the trying times. About three-quarters of the time allotted us for the gathering in of the silver offering had passed when California was visited by the greatest catastrophe of history.

Reports from Chinese, Japanese and Deaconess will give all the data, connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the California Conference. They will tell of generosity of friends and societies all over our beloved land. They will show that women adopted Fenelon's motto: "I prefer my family to myself, my country to my family, and humanity to my country." And thus we pray for greater victories in the new year.

We can report 42 Auxiliaries, about one thousand members; five Queen Esther Circles of 74 members; five Mothers' Jewels Bands, two Reading Circles, 315 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 164 subscribers to *Children's Home Missions*. Receipts, about $7,400. Silver Offering $1,373.

MRS. L. P. WILLIAMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

This has been another year of prosperity for our Conference. Advancement has been made along all lines. We feel grateful for the encouraging results and very thankful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings that have attended the work.

Five new societies have been organized and most of the old ones have increased in interest and membership.

All our general organizers whom we had with us during the year did excellent work in raising Silver Offering and stimulating the Auxiliaries to greater effort along all lines.

Our pledges have been more than met. The general treasury received during the year through our Conference a gift of $10,000 from the estate of the late Miss Nancy Lawrence, of Watseka, Ill., who was a member of that Auxiliary. This came through an interest awakened in the work by Mrs. Anna Elder, of Boaz, Ala.

Our Silver Offering has reached $2,000, a little more than $2.50 per member, for the number of members reported in 1902-3, but less than the amount we pledged and hoped to raise. Some more will be paid by the Auxiliaries who had not completed their apportionment.

Our Districts are all well organized and doing splendid work. Miss Nellie Snider attended their annual meetings and was an inspiration and great help to us.

Mrs. P. H. Bodkin spent three weeks in the Conference after the last annual meeting; she spoke in behalf of the Silver Offering, illustrating her addresses with stereopticon views of the various homes and fields of work, which was a great source of knowledge and interest to our people.

We were especially favored at our Conference Anniversary, held at Abingdon, September 28, in having with us three splendid speakers: Bishop Hamilton, who told us of the work in Honolulu; Dr. Haywood, of Porto Rico, who spoke of our Homes and Schools there and of the good they were doing, urging the people to help more in this field, and Mrs. Mable Hilbish, superintendent of the Bidwell Deaconess Home and Training-school in Des Moines, who gave the annual address. Their intensely interesting and encouraging words were an inspiration and help to all who heard them.

Literature has been freely distributed throughout the Conference, much zeal and enthusiasm manifested and more real, earnest work done than in any preceding year.

The subscriptions to our papers have been increased and the growth of the Society can be attributed to the greater knowledge obtained by the reading of our literature and the earnest efforts of the workers in our various Auxiliaries.

We have great expectations for the future of our work in this Conference.

MRS. J. A. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL MISSOURI.

Since this work was organized three years ago in our Conference, we have been astonished at the results and regret that the opportunity of pursuing did not present itself sooner.

We had an excellent Conference meeting last March at Lexington, Mo. In making the statistical report before the Annual Conference our presiding Bishop Wilson had the secretary pause, while he noted that the Woman's Home Missionary Society had made, by far, the greatest advancement of any of the benevolences. He said that the reason the women did so well was because "they began internally, worked externally and eternally kept at it." He advised the brothers to look into our plans.

In August all the Districts, viz.: the St. Louis, the St. Joseph and the Sedalia Districts, held interesting meetings. The work is better un-

derstood and the eighteen Auxiliaries (half of which are very weak) are prepared to do better work than ever before.

Miss Martha Joiner, our Deaconess at the Union Memorial, St. Louis, assisted by an Auxiliary there, is doing a wonderful work.

Our financial report nearly doubles that of last year.

We are still praying for more consecrated women to help this cause in our Conference, for "Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few." (MRS.) ANNA HENLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

The work of the year past, has not been aggressive, but we can report increase in Auxiliary membership, and a little more than holding our own in Young People's organizations. There has been a larger number of Home Missions, but the increase in this has hardly been in proportion to the increase in membership. The plan of classification in this line will be more fully carried out the coming year, resulting, no doubt in the enlarging of number of subscribers. The list of subscriptions to the children's paper needs more thorough looking after. We have an enthusiastic secretary of Reading Circles, and conscientious, energetic workers in our secretaries of supplies, Systematic Beneficence, Mite-boxes and Young People's work. Placing value on new goods only, our supplies amount to one thousand and ten dollars. The apportionment for Silver Offering has been met in a few of the Auxiliaries and these with others which are nearing such completion, are preparing to enter with energy into work in other lines.

By resignation we lose the services of a treasurer who has, for eight years guarded our treasury so well, that we find no fault in her. It may be some of our workers, have at time been discouraged by local surroundings, but a knowledge of the work done in the Conference, and a study of the last annual report, which shows that of the General Society will give them cause for encouragement. We are thankful for district organizations in good working order, and for the larger part of our Auxiliary body following the lines suggested in the concert study in Home Missions. We have had three helpers outside our Conference.

Mrs. I. D. Jones while visiting within our bounds, availed herself of pulpit opportunity to speak helpful words. Miss Bertha Sanford spoke at two of our summer district meetings. At our Conference Anniversary, Miss Bertha Fowler, gave us a stirring address, full of information along the lines of our work. Your Corresponding Secretary has attended all the District meetings as well as several parlor meetings, Conference Anniversary and annual Conference meeting.

Throughout the year we have found no cause for despondency; but a grateful acknowledging of "the good hand of our Lord God upon us."

MRS. W. H. PECK, *Corresponding Secretary*

CENTRAL OHIO.

The wheels of time have rolled around another twelve months and we are asked, "Watchman what of the work?" That, "All goes well," we are happy to report at this meeting. With the burden of the great field "white unto the harvest," before us, we pledged five thousand and seven hundred dollars for our general work, and to raise our Silver Offer-

ing, our officers and women went to work with an unusually heavy load. But we found where our women had their hearts in the work, and were determined to raise the Silver Offering over and above the pledge, it was not a burden but a blessing in many ways. Our pledges were well-met, with a slight decrease in the amount of the General fund we pledged, but all are at work energetically to finish the Silver Offering this year. We have held our own very well in membership. A few new Auxiliaries have been organized and are doing excellent work.

The year has been an unusually busy one, but our members have responded nobly to every demand and we rejoice to report that the cause of Home Missions is growing in favor wherever presented.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been presented in District Missionary Conventions in our six districts with the Foreign work and the Parent Board. The District work has been well done, a good convention being held in each of the six districts. We can not say too much in praise of the faithful work of our district secretaries. They have worked unceasingly throughout the year. Our annual meeting, which was held at Fostoria in June, was full of enthusiasm and interest and a large number of delegates and workers were in attendance. We were favored with the presence and helpful address of our General Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Williams. Miss Carrie Barge, delighted a fine audience with an inspiring address in an evening service. On the last evening Dr. T. H. Campbell, Presiding Elder, gave us a masterly address on the need of a united effort of every Christian to save our own beloved country.

Our Department Secretaries have been faithful to the duties entrusted to them. The interest in the Reading Course took on new life when we brought home from last year's meeting the Reading Circle Banner as a trophy for the largest increase in readers in the Conference.

From the topics for the Concert Lessons, carefully prepared programs are arranged, printed and distributed in every Auxiliary, and the membership almost universally are studying the great broad field as never before. Our Deaconess workers in Toledo have carried various lines of work during the year. At present the Home has taken up hospital work in rented quarters. The command of the Master of "Go ye into all the world," has touched the hearts and lives of a number of young women, and they are offering themselves for training as missionaries and deaconesses.

Small gifts are coming to our work each year. Miss Anna Biggs, of Findlay, Ohio, gave a "bequest" of $200 to name and furnish two rooms in the hospital in Alaska. Mrs. Sara F. Gugle is our Conference Organizer, and we hope to be able to report a large increase in every line of our work in another year.

We held our Conference Anniversary September 22, at Bowling Green, with a splendid address by Miss Carrie Barge.

We look into the future with a vision of great things for the coming year. We are hoping and praying and will labor for greater fruitage.

MRS. D. M. BAILEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

In this my first report of Central Pennsylvania Conference, I bring no evil tidings. Some measure of success has crowned our work, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society is stronger within our borders than ever before.

All pledges made at the last annual meeting have been met and greatly exceeded—having paid into the general treasury $4,920 and cash supplies to the amount of $1,125.37.

Notwithstanding the threatened strike in the anthracite coal region and the actual strike in the soft coal field, the work of raising money and gaining new members steadily advanced. We are happy to announce that our Silver Offering exceeded what we asked for this year, and the full apportionment, we trust, will be met during this fiscal year. Our District Secretaries have been on the alert. A strenuous effort has been made to have our districts fully organized during the year and district meetings held. Mrs. B. E. Staples, of Williamsport District and Mrs. A. L. Miller, of Altoona District, were first to fall in line. Both of these districts held their annual meetings in May. The Misses Mahon and Corbin gave them very efficient service. These able speakers were with us all through the month of May, strengthening the weak points and organizing some new work.

At our annual meeting our beloved President, who had served us so acceptably for ten years, was compelled to retire from that office on account of failing sight. The place will be filled by Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, and we feel sure that the work can not suffer in her hands.

We have increased our pledges somewhat at this meeting, but not to the extent we should have done, had we not arranged at our last meeting to make an appropriation to the Conference Anthracite Mission. We have fully awakened to the fact that the 200,000 foreign-speaking people within the bounds of our Conference need our uplifting influence perhaps more than any field under our flag. A number of deaconesses have been employed in this field, and the outlook is encouraging.

Miss Laurish, our deaconess at Mt. Carmel, still grows in favor with our people there, and has been in labors abundant.

Our Young People's work shows encouraging signs of growth everywhere. The lives of our workers have been wondrously preserved—not one has fallen out of our ranks this year.

We trust that another year may be blessed with abundant harvest for the Master in our Woman's Home Missionary Society. Although not all that we desired has been accomplished, yet we are thankful for the measure of success that has attended our efforts, and we take up the duties of another year with courage, trusting that He who has been our stronghold in the past will be our guide in the future.

MRS. A. M. CLEES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CINCINNATI.

In this report of the year's work we would not sound a discouraging note, for we are joyous in the knowledge of an advance in interest in the work of the society.

It has been a prosperous and successful year—we have had failures—but out of the failures shall come good and because of them we shall build better in the future. While we can not report great gains in membership, we note increased interest and greater activity in many places—due, we believe, to the marked advance in the work of the Reading Circles. Information begets interest and special effort has been made to introduce the literature of the society into places where there are no organizations.

The work of the young people and the children has been encouraging, several new organizations reporting during the year.

Believing in our text for the year: "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits" we face the coming year with confidence, relying on Him for strength and guidance and praying that as He reviews our work He may pronounce it good.

MRS. C. F. THIRKIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLORADO.

This annual meeting adds another chapter to the twenty years' history of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Colorado Conference. In comparing figures with other years, we find that in numbers we have not made a remarkable growth, although new Auxiliaries have been steadily added.

Financially, we have had a splendid year with large increase in funds. Every pledge, made at the last annual meeting has been fully met, except that for the Silver Offering, which we must finish this coming year. The work of the Deaconess Hospital has moved constantly forward, notwithstanding it is so cramped for adequate resources. We have expended for property and improvements at the hospital $2,246.97. The debt has been reduced $1,000 and we have money in the treasury to still further do so. The total expended for the hospital reaches $7,320.84. During the year lots have been given us in Denver for a Deaconess Home, conditional on our raising $8,000 within two years. It will be named the Margaret Evans Deaconess Home, in memory of the late Mrs. Gov. Evans. We have pledges and cash amounting to between five and six thousand dollars toward this enterprise.

We have added a number of Home Guards, Bands and Jewels to our list. Systematic Beneficence has shown the results of seed prayerfully planted. Our paper, *Woman's Work*, is more thoroughly established.

Supplies have had their usual great and important function in our extended Conference territory. The work of Mite boxes has been carefully prosecuted, with excellent results.

Our new line of work in Temperance is fully inaugurated. Our literature is being called for and used more extensively.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff filled a few engagements in Denver, with her usual delightful acceptability and results. We hope, by the Master's help, to do far more another year.

MRS. H. E. WARNER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLUMBIA RIVER.

Another year is passed, its history is made and we are glad to report a growing interest along all missionary lines, and our beloved Woman's Home Missionary Society is receiving its share of attention. Little by little in this great Northwest we add to our work, one by one to our numbers.

Our reports show no marked growth, though there has been one new Auxiliary organized.

There was no field work done in our Conference, but we are looking forward with anxious pleasure to an early date when Miss Barge will be with us to encourage and stimulate our present workers, as well as new ones who are to be, to greater and more consecrated activity.

If every Auxiliary could be visited each year by a field worker to instruct and inspire, much greater would be the results than now.

We have made free use of our leaflets the past year with good results. We have a Superintendent of Reading Circles who will interest many in a more extended knowledge of the work.

We are devoutly thankful for so many blessings, and expect to be able to send in the best report of our history next year.

(MRS.) ADDA B. FERTIG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DETROIT.

We have reached a high-water mark in the work of this Conference the past year, having far exceeded in our financial results any previous year.

Each of our ten departments under indefatigable secretaries has shown an advance and your Corresponding Secretary being deprived of a Silver Anniversary Banner in 1905 confidently expects to return home laden with department banners from this convention. We are informed by our Secretary for Reading Circles that her department has taken the banner with 240 Reading Circle members.

Last year our Mite-box department took the banner and this year its receipts are $92.19 greater.

Woman's Home Missions is still on the gain and *Children's Home Missions* has 486 subscribers.

Our Minister's Loan Library continues to aid deserving young ministers in this Frontier Conference. Its valued Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Vernon, is now rounding out twenty (20) years of loyal service in this department. An important feature of our success as a Conference is the invaluable service rendered by our women, who have for years stood at their post. This library contains 535 volumes and has in circulation 440 volumes used last year by 56 ministers.

Our pledge of $1,000 to Student Aid Fund has been paid in full. Of this amount more than $500 has been paid by our Queen Esther Circles, who now record 1,038 Circle members with ten new Circles during the year. Our faithful Secretary of Supplies has given fifteen years of consecutive service in this department and shows a good report in supplies for the year.

Our growth has been above normal—as six of our districts have gained new Auxiliaries at Royal Oak, Romeo, Saginaw (Epworth Heights), Ishpenning and Perry. Through the labors of Mrs. M. C. Bliss in August ten new Auxiliaries and one Queen Esther Circle were added in the Houghton District.

Miss Carrie Barge served us most efficiently in our six District meetings and gained an Auxiliary of twenty-two members at Perry in this District. The faithful president of this District, Mrs. C. H. Band, has visited during the year every Auxiliary in her District.

Ours is a Mission Conference with an extended frontier in the territory of our Upper Peninsula, but in our southern portion pioneer conditions are fast passing away, and we await the time which should soon come when none of our territory south of the Bay cities shall ask aid from our treasury.

North of these cities and in the Upper Peninsula there will be need for Home Mission funds for years to come.

One of our districts, the Saginaw, has already shown its self-reliance

by dispensing entirely with our aid and this district has been able to give self-sacrificingly to Silver Anniversary Fund, eight of its Auxiliaries having paid in full their apportionment to this fund.

Our Conference Annual Meeting, held in Bay City, in November, was a most successful convention. We were entertained in a manner which left nothing to be desired. An able address was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Potts, D. D., editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate*. Our attendance was much increased through a concession in fare from the railroads and a special car carried a large delegation from Detroit. With every officer in her place for another year of service, with tested workers, the outlook for the new year was bright. The close of the year has fully justified our hopes.

Our pledge to Special Fund is the only pledge not fully met, for which there is a bundant reason in the fact that the majority of our Auxiliaries and districts true to the conviction that the payment of our Society's debt is one of our first and most important work, has still continued to make Silver Anniversary Fund the supreme object. To this loyal co-operation we owe the fact that again we can report more than $3,000 received this year for this fund—so that each of our 2,950 paying members have paid on an average to this Fund more than $2. Detroit District leads in the percentage of successful Auxiliaries. For the members and Auxiliaries who are still behind in this matter the Conference now has a debt of $1,000 which was incurred to meet our moral obligations to the General Officers and pay in full its Silver Anniversary apportionment of $7,375, which was paid into the treasury before July 10 of this year.

In attaining these results the Corresponding Secretary made Silver Anniversary the subject of the majority of her addresses, and traveled several hundred miles in presenting it.

"This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

MRS. W. W. ROBINSON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

DES MOINES.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Des Moines Conference has had a year of victory. The national meeting at Indianapolis gave the Corresponding Secretary information and inspiration for her part in the year's work. When discouragements arose, the earnest faces of the national officers, the missionaries, deaconesses, and bureau secretaries, as each plead for her special work, came before her and the voice "Lo, I am with you" spoke to her, and renewed energy and effort made the work a success. Two thousand women, young people and children have made the reports given to day possible.

To the scattered workers all over the Conference be the praise, to God the glory.

We have doubled the amount sent to the General Treasurer the preceding year, and the preceding year was a great advance over any previous year.

Our Silver Offering will soon all be paid, $3,565. In November Mrs. Roberts worked in the Conference, organizing five Auxiliaries and strengthening others. Three of these new Auxiliaries have paid their Silver Offering in full.

Miss Snyder was with us for District meetings in April. Spoke thirty times in two weeks, meeting the six District conventions. These were well attended and much was gained by her presence.

Mrs. Hilbish came in June for the Epworth League Convention and Ministerial Meeting. The people loved her so much that they persuaded her to stay as the principal of the Iowa Bible Training-school.

Mrs. Allen helped us whenever she came home and is always efficient and useful. Wherever the Methodist people assembled in convention we have sent a representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Quarterly meetings of the Conference Executive Board are held. The Conference Anniversary was one of the victories of the year. Our annual convention was made very helpful by the presence of May Leonard Woodruff, Mrs. Woodward, Miss Guernsey and Miss Ham.

Miss Hattie Duncan, one of the most consecrated workers of the Conference, president of a District Epworth League, valunteered for mission work and is now Superintendent of the Harwood Home.

Miss Iva Brant, an Iowa girl, has gone to teach domestic science in Boylan Home.

Miss McMillan as Superintendent of the Bidwell Deaconess Home, and Mrs. Mabel Hilbish, principal of the Iowa Bible Training-school make leaders second to none in Methodism. Our Home and school have grown until we were compelled to have more room. Mrs. Theodore Gatchell bought the building adjoining the home, gave us $1,500 and will pay the interest on the remainder until we can pay her.

Our Conference and District officers have worked diligently. One form is missed from all our meetings—Mrs. Florence Miller—she went to her heavenly home Aug. 18, 1906. "My motto," she said, "has always been to serve God and humanity. I would like to live and labor, but am entirely in the Lord's hands." In her own words, "Let us never forget, the battle is not won 'by might nor by power, but by Spirit saith the Lord.' For that Spirit and power let us most earnestly pray, "Let us find in Thy employ peace that dearer is than joy, Out of self to love be led and to heaven acclimated."

MRS. A. E. GRIFFITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST MAINE.

We of the East Maine Conference salute you and are thankful to be able to report that though our number is very small indeed, we are still persevering and are able each year to increase our offerings somewhat over that of the past years. We count it a privilege to be allowed even in a small way to do something "for love of Christ and in His name."

The work of the Corresponding Secretary this year has fallen upon unaccustomed shoulders, to which you may attribute the meagerness of this report. (MRS.) ROBERTA A. LUCE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST OHIO.

East Ohio Conference brings this annual report to you with a feeling of great rejoicing; much has been accomplished and plans have been perfected for a greater unity of work and of workers for the coming year. Our pledges for the year have all been met and a large sum in advance of these has been paid into the treasury.

Our Secretaries of Departments have been faithful to the trust given to them, and their reports all show an increased activity in their various departments.

Too much can not be said in praise of the services rendered by our Conference Organizers, Mrs. Libbie Allen and Miss Nellie Snider, who have been with us during the year. Their coming has brought to us a larger vision of the work and new Auxiliaries have arisen in testimony of their services. Mrs. Bass at our Ministerial Conference presented the work in a clear and convincing manner to a large number of our pastors and their wives.

Our own annual Conference, held just previous to this meeting, was the largest and one of the most enthusiastic ever convened. The opening session was a Queen Esther Rally—this magnifying the remarkable growth of our Young People's work. Miss Barge was with us and inspired not only our young women but our older workers with a desire for greater things. As a Conference, we pledge our loyalty for another year and shall seize with gratitude the opportunities awaiting us.

(MRS.) M. H. NASON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ERIE.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" is the testimony of many working in our Home Missionary cause. Efforts to enlist others in this department of Christian service have been rewarded and gains of over five hundred in Auxiliary members and almost three hundred among young people are gratefully noted. Both our periodicals have an increased circulation.

We were favored in having in our Conference for the months of November and December Mrs. Bass, National Organizer, and the gains noted are due in part to her acceptable, efficient service.

We were pleased and encouraged when, with other good points, the following resolution was passed by Erie Annual Conference:

"Resolved, That we will aid the Godly women of our churches in organizing and maintaining Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary Societies in all our charges."

Encouraging words were spoken by our pastors on different occasions. One said: "The more the women of the Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies talk about and work for missions, the easier it is for me to get money for the Parent Board. The minister who talks against these organizations has lost his reckonings."

Another said: "I believe there is no charge in Erie Annual Conference where there are not women with intelligence, genius and power, which if turned in this direction instead of to other work and functions, would provide for this work."

The report of Supply Department is somewhat deficient and unsatisfactory, because of change in regulation as to manner of reporting, but we have no reason to think the help rendered through this department has been less than other years.

The department of Temperance work has been adopted by our Conference. The work of the department of Tithing has been wisely and persistently followed with the result of over fifty per cent. gain over the numbers of tithers reported a year ago.

The figures given by our Conference Treasurer tell a most interesting story to one conversant with mission work. The funds carefully gathered have been distributed North, South, East and West and we follow in our thought the needy helped by these contributions.

More than two-thirds of the apportionment for Silver Offering has

been paid in. We are coming more and more to realize our privilege in being share-holders in this enterprise and a continuance of care, prayer and effort such as have been given will see the sum asked for placed in the treasury.

Of Student Aid $441.00 was pledged and $682.00 paid. All other pledges met. The contributions of the Conference exceed those of the previous year by more than $1,200.00.

Let us give thanks for all the gains of the year and pray that more and more the vision of the need and the possibilities of supplying the need through this department of Christian service may come before a larger number finding a glad response. May the Master's work be often in our mind and heart. "As my Father hath sent me *even so* send I you."

(MISS) ANNA M. POPPINO, *Corresponding Secretary.*

GENESEE.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Genesee Conference, the past year, has brought joy to the hearts of the workers. We can truly say, there has been a steady growth both in members and interest. At our Conference Annual Meeting, recently held in Corning, N. Y., the reports were most gratifying. Our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Millspaugh, reported a "grand total" of over $14,000 raised.

Genesee Conference, always in the "front rank" in supply work, has a good report from the Secretary of over $4,000 in cash supplies. Our Silver Offering is coming in slowly, but we hope "surely" by January 1.

Our Literature Secretary reports an increase of 25 per cent. in subscriptions to *Children's Home Missions.* The Secretary of Young People's Work, reports new Circles and Bands organized.

We have great reason to rejoice in the changed location of our Conference Deaconess Home, now on Niagara Street, Buffalo, with its enlarged building, central location, and increased facilities, our Deaconess work, under the wise management of Mrs. Emma Turney will be able to accomplish much in the future.

Mrs. D. A. Minard is our Conference President and Mrs. H. R. Williamson the new Corresponding Secretary, and we trust the coming year, under the blessing of God, may be one of great prosperity in Genesee Conference.

(MRS.) HELEN A. DALBEY, *Retiring Cor. Secretary.*

HOLSTON.

Holston Conference has had her share of both blessings and discouragements during the past year.

Visits from Mrs. Williams and Miss Barge have indeed been blessings and our home was made brighter by their presence. Fresh inspiration and renewed zeal came to the old workers and new ones were enlisted.

The loss of Mrs. R. J. Miller from the ranks of the active workers has been keenly felt. Her faithful, efficient labor has done much to build up the work in the Conference and we pray that she may soon be fully restored to health.

The new Corresponding Secretary in taking up the work and assuming its responsibilities felt much as did the servant of Elisha at Dothan,

but our prayer for ourself was as Elisha for him, that God would open our eyes that we might see blessings in what seemed to be difficulties.

The Silver Offering looked like a mountain to us, but, "working as though all depended on ourselves, and praying as though all depended on God," the amount was more than raised, and our flag would wave with the rest, if we had been able to be with you. The Auxiliary which I have the honor of representing raised its two hundred and twenty-five dollars without fair, festival or bazaar, some of it in direct answer to prayer.

We have made an effort to distribute our literature systematically through the Conference: supplying our Presiding Elders with carefully prepared packages for each charge, with an earnest appeal for a rousing Home Missionary sermon to be preached at each place.

We want to do much better work next year than we have done this. We are not planning small things.

Phillips Brooks said, "Do not pray for tasks equal to your strength, but for strength equal to your tasks," so our prayer for ourself, our Auxiliaries, our District, our Conference, our great Woman's Home Missionary Society as a whole, is for more entire consecration, that we may expect great results.

(MRS.) MARY OLMSTED LOTSPEICH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ILLINOIS.

We have been striving to obey the Master's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature," in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Illinois Conference during the past year. Our pledges have been more than paid, and by sending money to our various fields we know we are doing work for eternity.

Our Department Secretaries have been doing aggressive work, and the Conference is well organized along all lines.

We held enthusiastic District meetings in all our organized Districts, and were ably assisted by Miss Barge and Miss Snider. There has been quite a notable increase in the number of our Young People's organizations, and in the interest the individual members are taking in the work.

Our Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Otwell, has been very faithful in her efforts and as a result much efficient work has been done in that department.

Our Annual Conference Convention was held at Urbana, and was well attended and much interest was manifested. Professor Mellors, of Illinois Wesleyan University, gave a very fine address on "Conditions In the Southland." We regret very much that Mrs. A. W. Conklin, who has been our faithful and efficient president for several years, was obliged to give up those duties, but we feel confident that her successor, Mrs. H. L. Haywood, will take up the work and carry it on successfully.

Our Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage has passed another successful year, giving a true home to over fifty little ones. We hope the time will soon come when accommodations and financial support will be so generous that we need turn no needy child from its door.

We trust that in the present year Illinois Conference will do greater and better work than it has in the one just passed.

MRS. S. A. BULLARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

INDIANA.

The year has brought us many blessings for which we are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father. He has been pleased to support us over many hard places.

One of the blessings we would not fail to mention was the gathering of the Board of Managers in a national meeting in Indianapolis, our Capital city, for a period of eight days, and in memory we often go back to that happy time.

Our advancement has been slow, and our gains are not sufficient to make any boast, yet we rejoice in no decline.

The demand for literature has been gratifying, and we have gained in subscribers to *Home Missions.*

We are pleased to incorporate the Department of Temperance in our Conference work and have appointed Mrs. Judge Lamb, of Indianapolis, as secretary.

Another new feature of our Conference work is the election of a Secretary at Large, Mrs. C. R. Jones, whose special work is to visit and instruct societies, organizing new ones, and enlisting interest in the Silver Offering. Already we have gratifying results.

Miss Godwin, our State Evangelist Deaconess, has given very acceptable service, been continuously employed and sought after, and we regret she feels she must sever her relations with us to take up independent work under the Epworth League, being one of its State Officers.

Miss Anna Morris comes to us from the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school, one of our own Indiana girls, to do parish work, and much of her time is already engaged.

During the month of July, Mrs. M. Libby Allen gave us the benefit of her time and work. It is hard to arouse people during so hot a season, but in this Mrs. Allen succeeded, and while she did not reach all for which she aimed, we count her itinerary a success.

We note with much satisfaction the increasing interest in the District Meetings, and the most excellent programs faithfully carried out.

The Indiana Hospital and Deaconess Home moves along gradually, and we expect ere we prepare another report to be occupying the building. Our offerings to this work must necessarily be small while we are bringing up our Silver Offerings; this matter and our regular work has first claim upon us.

We look toward the future planning larger and better things for the life and honor of our Conference. All things considered, the year has brought us many good things. We take courage and go forward.

MRS. A. V. P. ADAMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*
MRS. F. A. HENDRICKS, *Assistant.*

IOWA.

We are profoundly grateful to God for his wondrous blessings upon our work.

The year has been crowned with His goodness and has been the most blessed one in our history. We have had twenty-two new organizations, with an increase of three hundred and thirteen members. We now have seventy-seven societies with 1,586 adult members and four hundred and twenty in the Children's organizations. More money has been raised than ever before; and we have paid almost one thousand dol-

lars on the Silver Offering; so that there now remains about nine hundred dollars to be raised to secure our assessment of twenty-five hundred dollars. Our subscriptions to the papers have increased. Most of the Auxiliaries are using the study books, and we have a number of Reading Circles. Our District meetings were seasons of power and inspiration. The pastors in all of the Districts generously gave us a Sabbath, thus enabling us to reach the people. Our cause was ably and eloquently presented by Mrs. M. Libby Allen. Too much praise can not be given to the Conference and District officers, for their untiring devotion and sacrifice, and their hearty co-operation with the Conference Secretary in all plans of work. Graham Hospital within our bounds, has had a very prosperous year. We have made quite extensive repairs in the hospital and nurse home, but as this will be reported at another time I will not specialize here.

We go forth into this great harvest field to sow and reap another year invoking the Divine blessing upon all our workers and our work, praying that the Lord of the harvest will give us many sheaves.

(MRS.) LAVANDA G. MURPHY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KANSAS.

Kansas Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society is doing her part fairly well along all lines. She ought to do better, and has set stakes for larger things this New Year. Our District work is on a firm basis, each district has a corresponding secretary, who will work, and the reports this last year have been quite satisfactory. Each District has its own stationery. In April a convention was held in each of the five Districts with Miss Carrie Barge as speaker. Much interest was manifest.

Our Anniversary day at Conference was successful. After failing on several speakers the Conference Corresponding Secretary gave the address, at the earnest solicitation of the Conference Officers. Collection amounted to $35.00.

We have 29 Auxiliaries, 16 Queen Esthers, 4 Home Guards. The Young People's Work is growing. Miss Barge was an inspiration and her work abides. The Silver Offering has reached $819.18. We expect to raise the full amount which will mean $430.82 more.

Total amount sent to General Treasurer from here, $2,152.22. Our Pottawatomie Mission is doing good work. The missionaries are hopeful and faithful. The establishing of a free day school is necessary to the work and we are working to that end. We have pledged $900.00 above dues for the new year.

(MRS.) CARRIE E. COPE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KENTUCKY.

We have reason to be thankful for the work accomplished in the Kentucky Conference the past year.

Our disadvantages are very great. We need the inspiration of outside help, such as we receive at the anniversary meetings. Mrs. W. A. Goodman at our annual Conference inspired all present by her able address on the general work.

One feature of interest in our work is the encouragement given to our members by preachers and presiding elders. At the meeting at Greenup

the ministers responded heartily to a scholarship fund for the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.

We need the presence of an organizer to present the work and find leaders among the women. We are sadly in need of leaders.

We are thankful to the missionary Society of Union Church, Bearea, Ky., for $50.77 for our supply work in the Conference. This same Society gave $12.50 on the Silver Anniversary Offering. At our anniversary meeting during Conference one of our Presiding Elders reported that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been a blessing to needy ministers in his District.

Our Auxiliaries and young people are very much interested in Miss Malone, of Vanceburg, who is in the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school and will finish the course this year. Our Silver Offering pledges are paid in full. To the General Fund we have not given as much as we expected to give, but another year we are going to try, with the Master's help, to raise our full apportionment.

Our membership has not increased as we wished. We close the year's report leaving the result to Him who is able to do more abundantly than we have ever asked or thought. For this is His own work.

MRS. A. M. KINCHELOE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LEXINGTON.

We are glad to report that our work is still growing, and we believe we are doing some good in His name.

At our annual meeting, held last May, in Paris, Ky., the reports showed an increase over last year, in our collections for all purposes.

The Holy Spirit seemed to brood over all our sessions, and we felt that it was indeed good to be there. Dr. M. C. B. Mason delivered to us a most eloquent address, which was shared by a full and appreciative audience; and the instructive and most interesting lecture by Mrs. S. A. Winold, of Cincinnati, was listened to and enjoyed by a crowded house.

In some Districts, the Auxiliaries have taken the lead in awakening spiritual interest, and conducting revivals.

The poor and sick of the various communities have been cared for, and financial aid rendered the churches.

Our student in the N. J. Home at Morristown, Tenn., made a good record, and was re-elected as our beneficiary for this year.

We meet the second week in May, 1907, in Louisville, Ky., at Jackson Street Church.

MRS. C. D. C. MEBANE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LITTLE ROCK.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference during the past year has made encouraging advance; some Auxiliaries have done good work; the interest in our work increasing. The District Secretaries' reports at our annual convention showed a splendid advance along all lines. The convention was the best in the Society's history. The pastors and all concerned seem more and more in sympathy and to realize the importance of the work which will greatly help us in organizing new Auxiliaries and awaken the dormant ones.

A Literature Secretary, Mrs. Annie Freeman, Pine Bluff, and Tem-

perance Secretary, Mrs. Dr. G. F. H. Morris, Cottonplant, were elected at the annual convention in July.

Efficient women compose the Conference Board, and the possibilities of the work have never been greater in the Conference.

Too much can not be said of the faithful work rendered by our able President, Mrs. A. T. Strickland, of Philander Smith College, Little Rock.

The progress made in the Young People's Work organized one year ago (Mrs. G. T. Saxton, Conference Secretary), is commendable. Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards, Mothers' Jewels are organized in several charges.

Our Silver Offering has not reached the mark we hoped it might, but we shall do our best. Before the time closes for the balance pledged to be paid in full we shall have raised it. A large number of pledge-cards, envelopes for Silver Anniversary Offering, the Woman's Home Missionary Annual Reports and hundreds of the leaflets have been sent out among the Auxiliaries, and distributed at the Annual Conference and conventions. Valuable supplies have been received by pastors and their families.

Our Conference Anniversary was held in Fayetteville, January 21. We were favored with an excellent address by Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, Superintendent of Adeline Smith Home.

Meetings have been addressed, children placed in Sunday-school and needy ones clothed. The Clow District Association held in April was a beginning of greater work. Most helpful and inspiring addresses on the work of the Society have been given in the Districts.

A Workers' Woman's Home Missionary Conference will be held in Forest City District in connection with the annual Conference. Trusting God will bless us that our work will be greater and results larger this year. MRS. G. N. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LOUISIANA.

This has been a year of experience to the women of Louisiana Conference. Our Society has been laboring under many disadvantages, but God is bringing us safely through. The clouds have hung heavy, but we have resolved to have heart within and God o'erhead and in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Pray for us that we may do great work for our people in this Southland. The harvest truly is ripe, but laborers are few.

Our District managers are working hard to pay off all debts. We hope before 1907 to be clear of all indebtedness.

There have been several auxiliaries organized since our Annual Conference. Pray for the true spirit of missions throughout the Louisiana Conference. (MISS) RUTH B. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MAINE.

The past year has been one of unusual activity in the Maine Conference. We are proud of the advance we have made, although we have not yet reached "our ideal."

We set the mark at 1,000 Auxiliary members, and have advanced from 855 to 969, with 31 members of "our goal." We also have a strong re-enforcement of 170 Queen Esther Circle members, which gives us much encouragement.

New Auxiliaries have been organized: Brunswick, 45 members; North Conway, N. H., 12; Keazer Falls, 9; Ogunquit, 8; Knightville, 14, making at present 46 Auxiliaries, 7 Queen Esther Circles, 9 Home Guards and 13 Jewel Bands.

Our pledges were nearly all paid, and a large amount of supplies have been sent. Miss Bertha Fowler gave us valuable service at our annual meeting in November.

Mrs. N. W. Bass delivered the address at Conference, and was present at the three District meetings in May.

We wish we might report the Silver Offering "all paid." Biddleford and Old Orchard are the only Auxiliaries so far that have paid their full amount of $2.50 per member, although others are working to raise the full amount.

We are happy to report the purchase of a new Deaconess Home, which is owned and controlled by the Maine Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine in August, 1906. It was necessary to place a mortgage of $4,200 upon it, which we expect to greatly reduce during this year. A gentleman who is not a Methodist but an "euxine Christian," helped to make the purchase possible, and promises "aid in the future." The work of our Home is distinctively City Mission Work, and as it is located near "little Italy" and the "Jewish quarter" is in the best sense "a neighbor to the aliens" about us.

The Italian Mission, so long in charge of our Superintendent Mrs. Benson, has now an Italian missionary and his family to help carry on this growing and promising work with the Deaconesses as teachers and visitors among these people; hungry for human sympathy. As we read our new study book "Incoming Millions," we could but feel glad that we had listened to the Master's call and had become "euxine Christians," in the truest and best sense, and are now ready to go forward and strengthen the foundations already laid, for Maine Conference does not want to be left in the rear, but take a forward step; and show friendship and helpfulness to our brother who needs our sympathy, not so much because he is in need, but for his excellencies and achievements, and for what it is possible for him to become.

The enlargement of our work made necessary the establishing of a Conference paper, which is nearly self-supporting, and we feel sure will be entirely so. "We work to win."

(MRS.) ANNA ONSTOTT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.

We close the year with seventy-five Auxiliaries and one thousand nine hundred and two members. This shows a small decrease in members, for the reason that only those who pay annual dues are reported. Two Auxiliaries were organized during the year and five Queen Esther Circles. The number of Circles are nineteen with three hundred and sixty members. Six hundred and fifty-two are subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, and two hundred and ninety-four *Children's Home Missions* subscriptions. This does not include the subscriptions taken at Camp-meetings and those of individuals who are not members of the Society. No regular Reading Circles are reported to me, although the majority of Auxiliaries are reading the books and reviewing them in their monthly meetings, and the literature of the Society is more generally read than ever.

Miss Carrie Barge spent over two weeks in May and June in the seven District meetings. Her addresses were bristling with information and inspiration. Her visit will ever be remembered as being most helpful in every way. She will always have a glad welcome in Michigan Conference. The Society was well represented at the four camp-meetings.

The amount pledged for the year's work was $3,100, while $3,400 was paid; $300 more than pledged. This does not include the amounts paid for own Conference work, Aldrich Home, $400; supplies, $520 and for Frontier work, $160.

The Silver Offerings have been disappointing. The Auxiliaries took advantage of the extension of time. Yet, we are not discouraged. We must, and certainly, meet our obligation in the time given us. Twenty-seven Auxiliaries have paid in full. The largest Auxiliary in the Conference, $243; three dollars more than its full quota. The whole amount paid to the present time, $3,148, which leaves a balance of $1,772 unpaid; $2,148 paid during the year. Figures can only give results in dollars and cents. Too great an appreciation can not be given to those who worked so faithfully to meet this obligation.

MRS. LEVI MASTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MINNESOTA.

It gives us great pleasure to report an increase and real progress in Home Mission work during the past year. Through the efforts of Mrs. Allen, Miss Snider, National Organizers, and Mrs. Elder, matron of our Home at Boaz, Ala., for mountain white girls, nearly every church where there is a society has been visited, besides many of the others. New Auxiliaries or Circles have been formed at Windom, St. James, Lamberton, Walnut Grove, West Concord, Heron Lake, Pipestone and Wells. These women gave one hundred and ten Home Missionary addresses, secured fifty subscriptions to the *Home Missions* paper, and large pledges for the Silver Offering and for other departments of the work.

We have now, in 1906, a membership in our Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards and Jewel Bands, of 1,321, as against 594 in 1902. Surely Home Missionary sentiment is growing and permeating every part of the Minnesota Conference. Through the efforts of Miss Armstrong, of Chatfield, Secretary of the Winona District, a meeting was held at Brownsdale. An interesting and instructive program was prepared. Mrs. Elder giving the evening address, and speaking at each of the other two sessions. This is the only district that is fully organized and officered. We feel that this meeting was the beginning of a decided forward movement in Home Missions for that District, and with Miss Midcalf, our Conference Deaconess, here with us, to help and encourage we sincerely hope that this year may see each District organized and holding at least one meeting.

Five hundred and eighty dollars has been paid toward the Silver Offering during the year; all together $2,087.61 has been raised to help carry the Gospel and Christian education to every part of these United States, Alaska, Porto Rico, and the Hawaiian Islands.

Our supply work is also growing. Twenty-one churches having sent out barrels to our Homes and frontier ministers. These contained $354.88 in cash and new garments and over eight hundred good but second hand garments. Besides these $88.48 was used in purchasing fur overcoats and pulpit suits.

This report would not be complete if I did not mention that we are

looking forward to and confidently expecting to have a Deaconess Home in St. Paul within a very few years. Our Board of Managers is appointed; our society incorporated. The Conference has passed favorably upon our work, and funds are being raised, and though we shall not forget the many other calls, yet we shall work and pray earnestly for this work which is so much needed in our city.

MRS. W. O. HILLMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEBRASKA.

In some respects this has been the best year for the Nebraska Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society since we have been connected with it, and we believe it has been the best in the history of its existence. While we have not added many new Auxiliaries to our list, we have lost fewer this year than usual. The membership in the Auxiliaries already existing has grown. Interest in the work has increased, and more money has been raised than any previous year. Every District in the Conference held a meeting from one to three days, and elected its corps of officers. Miss Elliott, a deaconess from the Kansas City National Training School rendered valuable assistance in most of the District meetings. Mrs. M. E. Roberts, during her vacation, visited some of our Auxiliaries and organized one at Ashland. Miss Nellie Snider rendered us very valuable assistance during the Nebraska Epworth Assembly, each day conducting a Woman's Home Missionary Institute. This was very much appreciated by all those who attended. In our Conference we have forty Auxiliaries with a membership of about 750. Our subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* number 230. We wish every members would take this valuable magazine—indeed, we do not see how Missionary woman can get along without it. We have seven Young People's Circles with a membership of 146—besides 75 Home Guard and 250 Jewels. Our young people have paid into the treasury almost $130 this year besides sending supplies of clothing and fruit. The interest among our young people is growing, and much credit is due our Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. G. H. Danforth, of Lincoln.

Our Conference pledge for the past year was $2,000. Our Treasurer reports $2,516.69 raised. When this word came to me a song of rejoicing went out from my heart and a prayer of thanksgiving went up to God, because every pledge had been met.

Our Silver Offering has not been as large as we hoped it might be. Last year and this year together we have raised about $600. Some of the Auxiliaries have paid their $2.50 per member, others have met it in part, and still others have given nothing toward this fund. We received word from our National Secretary saying we will have to keep right at it until we get it paid. Above $1,100 remains unpaid. Let us try to have this entire amount out of the way before the first of January.

MRS. LESLIE STEVENS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEWARK.

In bringing to you this brief digest of our part in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, I do so with a fuller appreciation than ever before of the beauty, the greatness, and the majesty of the structure on which our women labor. I would in some measure compare it to the building of a great cathedral, the cathedral at Cologne, for in-

stance, which being conceived and planned in the brain of a master architect, is turned over to the builders, and they with compass and square and trowel, work out their little span of life upon its building, and as compass and square and trowel fall from their nerveless fingers, another generation takes up the task, and as the mantle of work falls from the shoulders of father to son and from son to son's son, the majestic building progresses through decade and generation and century, until completed at last, it stands a magnificent tribute to the constancy of man and the glory of God.

So have our women been working out their commission for doing good. For the past quarter of a century they have been working out the plans of their great architect not upon some grey spired structure of splendid magnificence, within whose shadowed walls the worshipers may do reverence to their God, but theirs has been the work of building character and souls into that great building not made with hands, and to which our Christ is the chief cornerstone.

And the Newark Conference has always been blessed with a very large share of these builders, until now there are more than 2,300 women given to the work of character building, soul saving, and of helpfulness in the material things that go to make up our present living.

We have always looked for a larger membership. We are not satisfied that only a part of our Methodist women should be interested in the work of our society. We believe that every Methodist charge on the Newark Conference should have some connectional form with the great body of our general society.

The meetings that have been held by the Society during the year that has passed have been most profitable ones. They have been splendidly attended and great interest has been manifested.

Through these gatherings information is being disseminated that can not be otherwise than helpful to our work. We find our members quite eager for information with respect to the various departments, and once the full knowledge of the scope of our Society's ministrations has been gained by any woman, we are sure of an enthusiastic worker in its behalf.

The Newark Conference has pledged its full share of the silver offering and we have already paid into the treasury two-thirds of it, and the prospects are bright for the remainder.

Young people's work is one of our most important departments and one that has our most sincere consideration, for it is through the young people that we largely hope to perpetuate the interest in our work. There are fifty-eight organizations of young people with a membership of over 1,300, a very satisfactory gain over the previous year.

Our Secretary of Supplies reports a very successful year in her department. Many of the supplies go to the frontier workers where the work is very hard and the remuneration very small, and the needs are many. These barrels of blessings sent out by our Society are full of comfort and good cheer to those who so earnestly work for the Master on the borderland of civilization.

Our subscription list to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* has shown a slight increase during the past year, but still it is not nearly as large as it should be, for we most firmly believe that every woman who is recorded as a member of our Society should keep in close touch with our work by being thoroughly conversant with it. This can be done in no way so well as by being a constant and persistent reader of those two most excellent papers.

From the two Deaconesses Homes that we are so fortunate to have

within the borders of our Conference, the love of the Master radiates in the lives of the deaconesses as they daily emulate Him by "going about doing good."

And thus we bring to a close our brief glance over the work of our Society for the year that is past. It is true that it has been a year of progress and success, but we can not but deem our achievements as small and almost unworthy when we consider the vast fields of opportunity which we see before us.

MRS. HEDLEY R. WOODWARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND.

The work of the year has been prospered through the earnest and united efforts of our women. Seven thousand six hundred and sixty-eight dollars has been raised, including a bequest of $500. The Silver Offering for the year amounted to $1,538. Four new Auxiliaries and five Circles have been organized. Mrs. A. W. Baird has been elected Conference Organizer. The work at Boston Headquarters, under Miss Stratton's care, has largely increased during the year. A very interesting and helpful meeting of Conference and District Presidents and Secretaries was held at the Medical Mission in the winter. At the Conference Anniversary in April we were inspired by the presence and words of Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff.

It would be almost impossible to enumerate the many lines of work pursued by Mrs. Clark and her assistant, Mrs. Green, at the East Boston Immigrant Home. Sick ones and little children have been cared for and two insane girls were for a time in the Home. At Christmas the usual tree was provided, and in addition, Mrs. Clark dressed a tree at the detention quarters, that the lonely ones in a strange land might not be without a touch from the Christ child. A small house has been rented and very simply fitted in Charlestown, that girls coming in by the steamers which dock there, and who are to leave by early morning trains, may be safely cared for over night.

Although carried with increased work and expense, the Medical Mission has done more and better work than in previous years. The record of the year shows 183 operations performed and 139 obstetrical cases attended. Upwards of $1,450 has been received as desk money. Many little patients have been treated in the ward. Limbs have been straightened and operations successfully performed on eyes, ears, and throat. Professor Cooke, the Superintendent, often shares in the care of the little ones. Miss Goodwin, the head nurse, is very efficient. The three nurses in training, in addition to their regular lectures, during the summer had the benefit of those given the nurses of the Floating Hospital. The Settlement work has been successfully carried by Miss Hitchcock. During the winter a very pleasing and successful concert was given by one of the singing classes, under the direction of their leader, and $142.75 was realized.

Each year of work inspires to larger faith in Him whose we are and whom we serve.

(MRS.) SARAH WYMAN FLOYD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

The report of the year's work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New England Southern Conference shows activity and prosperity.

Early in the year a special call was made to each Auxiliary, urging renewed zeal for each department of the work, and especially the Silver Offering. The results are gratifying. The Silver Offering has been generously responded to, the amount raised from October, 1905, to October, 1906, $718.66. The total amount of Silver Offering paid by this Society to Oct. 1, 1906, $1,286.28. We shall endeavor to raise our full apportionment.

Encouragement and interest has been gained by our workers, by the inspiring addresses of Miss Bertha Fowler, and Rev. C. M. Melden, at our annual meeting; Mrs. N. W. Bass at the Conference Anniversary; Miss Josephine Corbin, at Willimantic Camp Ground, and Mrs. T. J. Everett, at public meetings of Auxiliaries.

Mrs. N. W. Bass gave two weeks of service to this Conference in April and her labors were rewarded by the addition of one hundred to our membership, additional subscriptions to our periodicals, and increased interest in the Silver Offering.

The three District organizations are under the care of efficient leaders and each has held a District meeting. Norwich District has gained a new Auxiliary at Gales Ferry, Conn.

Supplies having a cash value of $517.89 have been forwarded to our homes and schools, and pastors on the frontier.

The total amount raised this year for General Fund, Special Fund and Student Aid has been in excess of our pledges.

Special attention has been given to the distribution of literature. Reading Course books and 220 copies of the Annual Reports, with leaflet literature have been widely circulated.

Two special gifts have been received. A legacy of $100 from the late Hannah N. Carr, of Wareham, Mass., and five shares Conn. Building & Loan Co.'s stock (present value $225) from the late Mrs. Emily Rogers, of New London, Conn.

In September, Mrs. T. J. Everett, Conference President, removed to East Chicago, Ind. For fifteen years she has served as president, and zealously worked for the best interests of this Society, presenting the work as opportunity offered, and to her efforts many of our Auxiliaries owe their existence. The loss of our leader is keenly felt, and the prayers and best wishes of the entire Conference membership will follow her in her new home.

As a Conference Society we again pledge our loyalty to this cause, and anticipate greater results in the future.

MRS. A. W. ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Home Missionary Society shows an increase in membership and finance over last year.

Total receipts for the year were more than ever before. Our pledges are all paid (some overpaid) and $389.60 Silver Offering, making $532 paid to date.

Two Auxiliaries and one Circle were organized last May, through the efforts of Mrs. N. W. Bass, who was the speaker at our Annual Conference Anniversary, and later gave us eleven days of service. One hundred and six Auxiliary members and ten Circle members were reported as gained during the eleven days.

The work of our young people has increased. Their total cash receipts show an increase of $45.00 over last year. Three District meet-

ings have been held, also anniversaries at each Camp Ground, able speakers representing the work of the Society.

The Annual Meeting of our Conference Society was held at Haverhill, Mass., September 27. Mrs. A. C. Clark of the Immigrant Home, Boston, gave the address of the afternoon, and Rev. L. W. Staples, who has visited the island, gave an address in the evening on "Porto Rico—Her Needs and Her Possibilities."

Our literature has been well circulated and at the meetings has been attractively displayed.

We look forward to greater results, because we give loving service, "For the love of Christ and in His Name that His work may grow and His kingdom come, in the hearts and lives of all in our Homeland, and extend to the uttermost parts of the earth.

MRS. E. B. SAVAGE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW JERSEY.

This, the twentieth year of the New Jersey Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, has been the "best year." While we have not attained to all we desired, we have much cause for rejoicing. The most encouraging feature of the year's work has been the increase of interest in the work of the young people. Our members, ever loyal, have rallied around the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Turner, who was given the power to plan, work, and pray to raise the Silver Anniversary Offering. All were delighted and amazed when the amount was made known, some over $2,100, and many auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles still working to reach their full apportionment. All the Conference pledges have been fully met, and generous help of money and provisions has been sent to our brother ministers working on the frontier. Literature has been widely scattered, and two hundred of our Annual Reports, with a large amount of leaflets and attractive reading matter, has been circulated through our Conference; also an increased subscription list to our splendid paper, *Woman's Home Missions.*

Bancroft Rest Home, the only Home within the bounds of our New Jersey Conference, has received liberal support, and over one hundred weary and worn workers have found it truly a resting place. Anniversary services were held in Ocean Grove and Pitman Grove. The Conference Anniversary Address was delivered by Rev. William Albert Frye, D. D., a member of our New Jersey Conference. His presentation of the work of our Society won for us many friends, and our work a warm place in the hearts of the people. With such a variety of work, it seems we should attract an army of consecrated, enthusiastic women, who would desire to have a part in the glorious work of claiming America for Christ.

Trusting that God will bless us and spur us on to greater zeal in this part of His harvest field, we look forward to more glorious achievements in the year that is before us.

MRS. WESLEY B. STOUT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

In reviewing the past year, as it pertains to our beloved Woman's Home Missionary work in the New York Conference, we can not help speaking of the *Spirit* of the work and of its many blessings to us who have been permitted to share in it. But we have missed all through the

year the cheery, inspiring presence and the guidance of one who has for so many years represented us in these annual meetings—our Conference Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. W. Campbell. We are praying that she may be wonderfully carried, day by day, until suffering shall cease, and she may be among us again.

Our pledges were all met, by our members, who are ready to repeat their gifts. It is our hope that in this meeting greater enthusiasm for our Silver Offering will be manifested, and New York Conference stands ready to pledge loyalty until every dollar is paid. We also hope that our next annual meeting will be nearer home, so that once more our Eastern women may have the privilege of attending the Sessions, and catching new inspiration.

We thank all of you who have remembered our Watts de Peyster Home children, and our Immigrant Home. Continue to keep us in mind at Thanksgiving and Christmas-time and always remember our needs are constant and numerous. Get our new leaflets and read them in your Auxiliary meetings. We beg the members to visit our Homes and see for themselves just what we are trying to do.

MRS. CHAS. F. FRAIM, *Corresponding Secretary (Pro Tem.)*

NEW YORK EAST.

Another chapter in the history of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New York East Conference is closed, and it is with grateful hearts that we record the work accomplished. In every respect, this has been the best year, in the work of the Conference.

Our pledges have been more than met, and a goodly amount paid on Silver Offering. The Silver Jubilee Service, held in February was enthusiastic and inspiring. Addresses were made by Mrs. Hendley Woodward of the Newark Conference, and by Rev. Charles E. Locke, D. D.

The Conference Anniversary meeting was well attended; the consecration of two Deaconesses by Bishop C. C. McCabe added a deep significance to the service. The meeting was addressed by Miss Mahon and Miss Corbin, General Organizers, who were spending some weeks in the Conference in the interest of organizing new Auxiliaries and strengthening the old.

Interesting meetings were held in each District. The Districts are well officered by capable, consecrated women. Under the auspices of the North District, the work was presented by Miss Bertha Sanford at the Jamesport Camp Meeting during August.

The Young People's Work deserves special mention. Under the very efficient leadership of the Secretary, Miss Ella M. Chadwick, in four years the number of Young People's organizations has been doubled, nine having been effected during the past year. During the last year $444.54 was raised by them. Student Aid appeals most strongly to Queen Esther girls, and most of the amount named, was given for that fund. They are also deeply interested in our Deaconess Homes.

For many years the members of the New Haven District had cherished the hope that they would some day have a Deaconess Home in the city of New Haven, with its 70,000 foreigners as a fruitful field to cultivate. At last their hopes were realized and a Deaconess Home was opened Oct. 1, 1905, in a rented flat, with two Deaconesses, Miss Jessie Arbuckle, formerly of the Brooklyn Home, as Superintendent, and Miss Jennie Robinson, of Portland, Me. Recently two more Deaconesses and two students have been added to the force. Three of the Deaconesses

are connected with churches engaged in parish work, while they also assist in a Methodist Italian Mission. Through the generosity of Mrs. Dwight W. Blakeslee of New Haven, the Home is now domiciled in its own property; a gift in honor of the late Mr. Dwight W. Blakeslee and a Memorial to him. During the past year $1,138.65 has been raised for this new Home.

Our Brooklyn Deaconess Home is doing excellent work. The family now numbers eighteen, with Miss Foster as superintendent, fifteen licensed Deaconesses and two students. Throughout the year, a course of lectures, in connection with the Training-school, is given by the pastors of the city. These lectures are open to the public, and are of a high grade of excellence. $6,295.66 was raised for this Home during the past year.

Greater interest is manifested in the Reading Course, and the promise is for more Reading Circles.

Our ranks were depleted by the removal to another Conference of one of our faithful workers, Mrs. J. A. Lantry, former Corresponding Secretary. But what was our loss was gain to a sister Conference. Mrs. Lantry has been warmly welcomed by the workers of the Newark Conference.

We are pleased to welcome to our working force, Mrs. C. A. Green, after an absence of eight years, and she now holds the very responsible position as Treasurer of the Conference.

While, as a Conference, we are encouraged with the results achieved, we are not satisfied. Returning thanks for the blessings of the Father upon our efforts in the past, we take up the work of another year with deeper consecration and a sincere desire to do more for Christ and the Home land, in His name and in His strength.

(MRS.) LILLY LEONARD SLACK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

Notwithstanding the heavy rains in our section of the country, our second annual meeting, held Aug. 5, 1906, was a success. Some of our Auxiliaries were not represented and because of this we are not able to report an increase of membership and perhaps not our full number.

Our finance is a little in advance of last year. Our Student Aid money is increased this year, being $80.00 instead of $50.00. Our dues are $40.00 or more. We feel very much encouraged. We have the co-operation of the Presiding Elders and pastors.

Our work is not fully organized on all of the Districts, yet we are anxious to have the entire Districts organized. We very much need your prayers.

MRS. C. L. BULLOCK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH DAKOTA.

Our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society has been unusually fortunate in securing outside help during the past year.

For our Anniversary service we were favored by having Dr. M. C. B. Mason as our speaker, and so effectively did he plead the cause of Home Missions that a plate collection of $32 was received. What greater tribute to his eloquence and zeal is needed?

Mrs. Bodkin was with us for three weeks in November. Snowstorms greatly interfered with her engagements, yet she did good work, and organized two Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Roberts came to our assistance during May and June. She traveled 3,062 miles, organized 15 societies, gained 219 members, secured 57 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 67 to *Children's Home Missions*. Her collections amounted to $113 which left a balance of $41 after paying all expenses. Many difficulties and trials were encountered, but met with Christian courage and patience, thereby winning many friends for the cause.

Our Conference and District annual meetings were occasions of pleasure and profit. Mrs. Roberts and several ministers gave invaluable help on the program of the latter.

We have paid into the General Fund $263, for Student Aid $230, for Special Fund $65, and Silver Offering $78.50, a total of $645.50.

The constantly shifting population makes the work exacting, and less productive of results. With time, as the country becomes more settled, it will be easier to plan work and to secure the fulfillment of plans when formed. That the interest in Home Missions is becoming greater, is demonstrated by the fact that at two points—Carrington, and First Church, Fargo—the ladies of the church organized a Society without waiting for the Organizer. May their example have many imitators.

From our Conference fund ten fur overcoats, two suits of clothes and various other articles have been purchased for our frontier preachers, and Auxiliaries have sent out new supplies to the value of $221.

The Secretary has burned "midnight oil," and spared neither time nor strength in the effort to advance the cause of Home Missions. Over 400 letters have been written, 20,000 pages of literature distributed, besides many other items of work too numerous to mention.

We trust that the seed sown may make the spiritual soil of North Dakota fertile in missionary enthusiasm.

MRS. S. NEWLOVE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH INDIANA.

We are making earnest effort to carry forward our work intelligently and are endeavoring to adopt more systematic and business-like methods, but have not succeeded in making the advancement which we had so greatly desired. Are pleased to report, however, an increase in the receipts of the treasury over last year and over any previous year.

The Silver Offering has not met our expectation, but we shall hope to complete it very soon. One reason, I think, is that our Conference has made pledges to special funds up to and even beyond its ability with our present enlightenment and a great many have made personal pledges to meet this.

I trust the coming year may complete the wise and splendid undertaking of wiping out the debt of our beloved society.

Our Conference is well organized, having six Districts, with efficient officials. Each have held annual meetings and have their work well planned for the coming year. Six Auxiliaries, seven Queen Esther Circles and four Bands have been organized during the year. Subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* have been increased. Our Mite-box receipts under the care of a faithful secretary have reached the very gratifying amount of $1,048, which is an increase over last year. Our Literature Secretary has been unusually active in her department and reports that we are at the head of all the Conferences. I must not take time to refer to each department secretary, but all are

faithful and earnestly at work. We have twenty-eight organizations of young people, eleven organized this year.

Mrs. M. Libby Allen gave us one month of splendid and helpful service. We shall cordially welcome her any time. Mrs. Anna Kent delivered the address at our Annual Conference meeting. She was greatly appreciated by our women and enlisted new friends for our work. Miss Nellie Snider was present at our Conference Convention. Her address in the evening was full of information and very fine. Miss Angie Godwin, our deaconess, spent some time in the Conference in evangelistic work.

At the Conference meeting a committee was appointed to prepare an Auxiliary Treasurer's book for the use of the Conference. The committee presented a "proof" to the Board of Trustees, suggesting making it the National book. The Board adopted the book, authorizing its publication by the North Indiana Conference in the name of the Society. If there should be any profits accruing it will be used in the interests of the Society. We sincerely trust it will be helpful to our Auxiliary treasurers, and are glad to report that it is meeting with favor everywhere. Our Young People's organizations are finding it very helpful.

With grateful hearts we record the kindly dealings of our Heavenly Father through the year and with renewed consecration we shall hope to more nearly meet our "full responsibility" in carrying forward the great work our society is undertaking and bring honor to our Master.

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

The work of our Society is moving along, slowly perhaps, but we believe steadily, in our Conference. We have had Mrs. Roberts, Miss Snider and Mrs. Geggie with us, each for a short time during the last year and new Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands have been organized.

Our Secretary of Literature has more and more demands for leaflets, which indicates that our ladies are studying about the work. We have made glad the hearts of many of our ministers and their families in our cold northern Districts, by supplying them with comfortable clothing which they could not otherwise have had. We have raised more Silver Offering than we pledged and are pledging more scholarship money for the coming year than we have done in the past, all of which indicates that our heads and hearts and hands are responding to the calls of our beloved Society, and we hope to be able to interest more and more of the women, until we are able to report great things for our Conference.

MRS. H. A. WEEKS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

The past year marks many changes, both among the workers and in the work. Mrs. Bramley, our beloved President for the past twelve years, removed to Minneapolis in the early spring and her duties were performed by Mrs. C. L. Peck, first Vice-President.

The District organizations have intelligently looked after the interests of our Society, and the Auxiliaries have shown increased regularity in meeting and intelligent grasp of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. We have raised more than fifty per cent of the Silver

Offering in excess of what we have contributed toward the special enterprises and General Fund of our Society.

A mission work has been organized among the Italians in the City of Utica. Two workers have been employed to conduct the same under the direction of a "Local Board" that has been duly constituted to superintend and direct the affairs of this Italian work locally.

We can report strength and maturity. There have have been many changes among our workers, but the work goes on. We hope to report increased activity and greater usefulness in the year to come.

MRS. I. L. HUNT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH NEBRASKA.

The North Nebraska Conference reports a steady advance in all departments of the Woman's Home Missionary work.

Eight hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents has been paid on the Silver Offering. Our pledges, with one exception, are all paid in full, many of them over paid. Our four Conference Districts are well organized, and each district held a most helpful and inspiring meeting. Our Department Secretaries have zealously labored for the advancement of their special lines of work. A strenuous effort is being made to swell our subscription list and to organize a Reading Circle in every Auxiliary.

Our Conference Convention was of profit to all in attendance. Mrs. Bass was with us, and by her good advice and eloquent addresses gave new impetus to our work. After the Convention Mrs. Bass presented the work in several charges and organized one Auxiliary. At this same Convention Mrs. J. B. Leedom, our beloved Conference President, was made a life member of the Society. We also voted to give some young lady a two years' deaconess training in the Fisk Training-school. So enthusiastic was the Norfolk Auxiliary in this plan that it pledged to pay $75.00 of the required $200.00.

Our Conference Anniversary address, by Miss Nellie Snider, was instructive and inspiring. Early in the fiscal year Mrs. Mable Hilbish presented the work of our Society in Omaha and Omaha District, organizing five Queen Esther Circles and three Auxiliaries. We greatly appreciate the help rendered us by these faithful organizers.

MRS. J. P. YOST, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH OHIO.

In presenting the report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the first time, I feel that during the year, perhaps all has not been accomplished that might have been with our former Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Knapp, who labored with untiring energy for nine years, but we have not been idle.

While we consider the West Side Cottage of the Cleveland Deaconess Home is our very own, being within the bounds of our Conference, the pledges made at Indianapolis have been overpaid in many instances.

Our Conference Convention last year met in Ashland and was well attended, Mrs. I. D. Jones giving an evening address which was appreciated by the large audience present. This year we meet in Sandusky, October 31 and November 1, the program which includes a book review on "Incoming Millions is ready for the printer.

At the Conference Anniversary Dr. Herbert Welch, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, gave a fine address on "Some Solutions of Our National Problems."

One Auxiliary and several Queen Esther Circles and Home Guards have been organized during the year, and while not satisfied with the results, we are, as Frances Willard has said, "going to be as good-natured as sunshine and as persistent as Faith," until we have an organization on every charge.

The Young People's Work has been gaining steadily for several years, both in amount of money raised and interest.

One hundred dollars ($100) was given for a scholarship in Washington last year in addition to our pledges, and this year another North Ohio girl has gone to the same school and the Conference Society has assumed the expense.

On December 27th, Miss E. A. McImoyl, for eleven years Superintendent of the Cleveland Deaconess Home, crossed the river, after waiting many months "on the brink," to use her own words, and our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society lost a staunch friend and supporter.

A member of the Auxiliary at Sandusky has recently died and left the Society a bequest of fifty dollars ($50).

Looking forward to a better year, not of more opportunities, but of more opportunities improved, we hope to see larger results.

MRS. M. W. REECE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST INDIANA.

The year has been one of unprecedented activity. The Conference and District and Auxiliary officers are doing better work each year. Our Conference organization only covers a period of thirteen years, and we have been slow in developing the fixed and regular order of perfect and well understood duties in all the departments of work. We have been compelled, in a large measure, to develop new talent, for all the offices from Auxiliaries on up to Conference officers. Often we have failed to find women who will master the duties of their office and then faithfully do their work. We report advancement in this line of our work. Our women are becoming better informed, and they do things in a better way because of greater wisdom. This pleases our pastors, and doors are open that have for years been closed against us.

Mrs. Bass gave a successful itinerary throughout the Conference speaking at District meetings and several churches, and everywhere to the delight and inspiration of the people. Mrs. O'Conner gave the address at Battle Ground Camp Meeting, and Dr. H. A. Gobin at the Annual Conference. In all lines of better organization and intelligent awakening the year has been a real advance.

Our Treasurer's report will show that we have paid into the General Fund this year an increase of $1,328.00.

We were apportioned for Silver Offering $2,275.00. We have paid $1,400.00 of this amount.

There is a more intelligent response in supply work. Our women are more careful in selecting supplies and better quality is chosen and a larger amount of new goods are collected. One hundred and sixteen barrels were sent during the year, and the cash value of new goods was $725.00. We have four new Auxiliaries and two Circles. Our Auxiliary organizations grow in numbers and in strength, and we are expecting steady advancement in the future. The steady advance in finances is fully paral-

leled with the growth of missionary spirit and awakening in all the departmets of our work. Our pledges can be increased this year with great confidence that all pledges will be paid, and our women appreciate and understand our obligations.

MRS. D. M. WOOD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST IOWA.

The twenty-third year of our Conference Society finds us with the same number of Auxiliaries as last year, by the blessing of God and efforts put forth by the General Organizers, our Conference and District officers and the Auxiliaries themselves strengthened in knowledge of and faith in the work and increased love for it.

Removals have made serious inroads upon number of members. Our Conference Society is very dependent upon our General Organizers, so few of our Conference or District officers are able to work outside their home Auxiliaries.

We were favored during April and part of March with the God-honored services of Mrs. Della C. Geggie and of our National Organizers, who gave most faithful service, though under difficulties. Her consecration to God left its blessed impress upon our workers, as lasting as the added knowledge of the work she imparted. Several Auxiliaries were saved from threatened collapse. She strengthened the work at every point visited.

Results, according to tabulated figures were the organization of a committee of six Auxiliary members, besides sixty members added to the Auxiliaries visited, the organization of three Queen Esther Circles and fifty-two members, three Home Guards of fifty-three members, and the addition of twelve Mothers' Jewels. She also secured seven subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* and 416 to *Children's Home Missions.*

Miss Sarah M. DeLine did grand service at our State Association Convention at Montezuma, also at a Dictrict Conference and for one Auxiliary visited.

Mrs. Mary A. Lavander, General Organizer, aided at our Conference annual business meeting, and spoke for two Auxiliaries, organizing a Queen Esther Circle. Each District held inspiring Conventions.

Our pastors are most gracious in giving their pulpits for our speakers and kind words as well as personal presence at our Conventions.

Amounts pledged at last annual meeting were nearly met, although through a complication of circumstances the funds did not nearly all reach the points pledged for.

One Auxiliary of five members the first quarter of the fiscal year 1906-7 paid dues for the year, met apportionment in full besides sending $7.00 to Mercy Home.

Our Young People's and Children's Work is steadily gaining ground, also interest in Systematic Beneficence.

Three thousand seven hundred and ten leaflets, besides Annual Reports have been sent this year by the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

The following Auxiliaries class No. 1 for heaving as many or more subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*: Hubbard, Wall Lake and West Ft. Dodge. Nine others have nearly as many, while thirty others grade as second class, for having one-half or more subscribers as members.

We are justly proud of our seven Deaconesses in Shesler Deaconess Home, whose labors most abundant are blessings not only in our city

mission districts, but our Conference Evangelist and others aiding pastors outside the city in revival meetings.

We have paid $839 Silver Offering and $30.25 to the Printing Fund.

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST KANSAS.

The work of the past year has not been all that we had hoped for, though I believe there has been a steady gain in interest for the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

Miss Benedict came to us in August, and through her efforts there have been five new Auxiliaries and one Queen Esther Circle organized.

Our ministers, we think, are becoming more interested in our cause and when we plead for a place on the program at their associations, we have the promise, but sometimes are forgotten. Most of our Auxiliaries are trying to raise the $2.50 per member for Silver Offering. Being offered the first year's dues to add to this, has been quite an incentive to gain membership. Russell Auxiliary was the first in the Conference to pay theirs in full; they are always awake to every duty and ready to respond when called upon. Our Queen Esther Circle at Ellsworth is educating a Chinese girl in San Francisco and are very much interested in the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We were much pleased to have with us in our Annual Conference Mrs. Woodcock, who was obliged to make her stay very short, only getting in in time for the afternoon meeting and leaving soon after. We hope we may have her with us again and get better acquainted. Miss Elliot was with us all through the week and was very helpful to us in many ways.

Our Conference does much more than it gets credit for, as many send their money direct to the institutions they want to help instead of through the treasurer as they should. All from the Ellsworth Circle has been sent direct and some to Boaz. Our people do a great deal of supply work, but do not report properly and thus do not get due credit. We feel that we are highly favored in getting from the National Fisk Training-school Miss Benedict. She is very zealous and earnest and we are expecting things to come to pass through her efforts.

In an Epworth League convention where she attended she succeeded in raising a scholarship for Fisk of one hundred dollars. We are very much in need of a deaconess for Salina and we trust the time isn't far distant when Miss Bancroft can see her way clear to send us one.

We hope and trust that this missionary year will be the best and most profitable in all lines of Christian work.

MRS. ISAIAH MCDOWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OHIO.

It gives me pleasure to report the work of the past year, a year full of labor and responsibility, but equally full of blessings. We have loyal, good and faithful women. Prompt and excellent reports were received from all the districts. Many sacrifices have been made. "Happy is the thought of the reward promised to those who give even a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus Christ."

In the beginning of this year, we had our Lancaster and Coolville Camp-meetings. Miss Nellie Snider was cordially welcomed at both

places. She made an address at our Annual Conference Convention held at Circleville and at the Ohio Annual Conference held at King Avenue Church, Columbus. She was also in the Conference during the month of June, attended six District meetings and organized several new Auxiliaries. During the year there have been eight new Auxiliaries, two Circles, and four Bands of Home Guards organized.

One pleasing event of the year was the organization of the Gallipolis District in which Miss Snider assisted. This completes the District organizations of the entire Conference. The Department Secretaries are all interested and doing excellent work. Most encouraging reports come from the Deaconess Home. We have had an excellent year, the best in our history. What a blessed privilege to work in the Master's Vineyard, sending the light of the Gospel into the dark places in our beloved Homeland. With thanksgiving for this year's work, we pray for new zeal for the coming year.

MRS. E. W. SEEDS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OKLAHOMA.

This year closes one of our best years in Oklahoma in many respects. We have gained ground and the work of the Society is more fully understood. We have not gained so many new members, but those we have are true blue. The Treasurer's report, being two days late in getting in at the close of the year, gives this year's work a poor showing. One of our drawbacks has been the unsettled population, but as a state we are looking forward to great things. Already many are coming to take up permanent homes in this great new state, and some are prominent workers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of other Districts and have signified their willingness to take up the work here. We are in need of such people and welcome them to our midst.

Much work has been done in the Conference by the different Auxiliaries in a local way, and help promptly given in many instances. Mrs. Carrie E. Cope, of Topeka, Kan., visited us during the year and gave us valuable information regarding the different branches of work. Our Deaconess at Enid organized a Queen Esther Circle at that place and an Auxiliary was recently organized at Lawton, Okla. We are growing slowly.

We hope for great things in the near future and for one thing in particular—a better organization, with all branches working in harmony. We know we have a wonderful State and a generous people, and pray that we may awake and realize our full duty to the Lord, who has so wonderfully blessed us, before it is too late.

MRS. M. O. BILLINGS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OREGON.

The past year has indeed been the best in our history. It was expected, that a slight dropping off in membership would follow the strenuous year of the Lewis & Clark Exposition, and so we can not report a gain of Auxiliary members, but we do report an increased loyalty and intelligent interest.

Our Districts are well organized. All departments are organized, and Department Secretaries and Auxiliaries are awakening to the importance of sending in more promptly their quarterly reports. The young

people are more interested. The children are enthusiastic and their membership has doubled in the past year.

Six Reading Circles have been organized, giving a total of thirteen Reading Circles in the Conference. A greater number of Annual Reports and leaflets have been circulated.

Three Deaconesses have given most helpful service, not only to the churches they have served, but to the cause in general, and we are confidently expecting that the time will soon come for the launching of our Deaconess ship, which, fully equipped and ready for service, has so long lain at anchor. Our frontier work is in advance of last year.

Through the generosity of Mr. Frickey, father of Miss Minnie Frickey, of Salem, Ore., one hundred dollars was sent through our Conference to Mothers' Jewels Home.

Mrs. S. J. Stuart completed her gift of a scholarship by paying one hundred dollars to the San Francisco Training-school.

Three Auxiliaries have paid their full apportionment of Silver Offering: Salem, Woodburn and Centenary, Portland. Others have paid a part and pledged the full amount and we feel that we can safely pledge the full apportionment for the Conference before June, 1907.

All our plans were interrupted by the terrible calamity in California. All hearts were touched, all thoughts were for San Francisco and her suffering people, many of whom were coming into and passing through Portland. *Thousands* needing sympathy and aid. Here was *real* Home Missionary work, and all others must be set aside, and we gladly gave of our time, our strength and our substance for the love of Christ and in His name.

But I have not come to this convention only to report our success, which, under the existing circumstances has been great, nor to make excuses for our failures, which have been many, but to gain *inspiration* from this enthusiastic body. To catch a thought *here*, a suggestion *there*, to carry to the earnest women of our Conference, who, unable to come themselves, bade me God-speed.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Northwest needs your encouragement.

MRS. OSMAN ROYAL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA.

During the past year there has been some gain in membership, but our real growth has been a spreading and deepening interest in the work itself, and a growth in zeal and devotion, on the part of the workers, which has been manifested in a large attendance at all our meetings. In the public meetings some part of the sessions has been given to a well-prepared program on some special department of the work. These programs have been the means of giving valuable information in a condensed and pleasant form to the people, and have helped to make the meetings interesting.

All pledges made at the last annual meeting have been more than fully met, and the Silver Offering nearly completed. Through the Young People the Student Aid Fund exceeded former years.

District meetings and Camp-meetings, have been well attended, and have been seasons of deep interest.

A new impulse has come into our Young People's Work, and we close the year with eight new organization of these, with an aggregate increased membership of about 200. Besides these, we have gained a

good many paying members in the Epworth Leagues, who are not organized into Circles, but are interested.

Our large local Deaconess work loses none of its interest. It is well sustained in all its departments. This Home is a fountain of blessing to the neighborhood in which it is located, pouring continually streams of healing into the moral sickness that abounds in the vicinity. Its beneficences do not end there, but extend far and wide, wherever our Deaconesses go. Through the Industrial classes, the kindergarten and Sunday-school in our Deaconess Home, many young lives are being moulded toward a finer type of manhood and womanhood, than that from which they sprung.

Our very efficient Superintendent, Miss Bertha Fowler, has made many instructive addresses in our churches, and before our public meetings, as well as in churches in other Conferences. In her public work, as well as in her work in the Home, she is most thorough, and is doing work that will surely abide. A strong body of loyal women support her, women who are devoted to the cause they represent, and who are ready to make sacrifices, if by so doing they may aid the needy ones of our country in finding their inheritance in the Kingdom of our Lord.

MRS. G. E. PALEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PITTSBURG.

The work in our Conference has grown steadily and we feel great encouragement for the coming year. The full amount of "Silver Offering" of $5,000.00 is lacking a few hundreds only. We hope to meet this deficit by January. The two Homes under our care, and supported by our Conference, are in excellent condition, full to overflowing. In the Deaconess Home twelve workers are faithfully and earnestly doing their work. The household has been lovingly and wisely cared for by our Superintendent, Miss Margaret Boswell, who has kept the expense within our income. The "Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home" closed its first year with a balance in the treasury, with only a little help (less than $100.00 from pledges), outside the Conference. Twenty-one children are being cared for.

The three Travelers' Aid workers have accomplished great results in their work at the Union and Baltimore & Ohio Stations.

The coke work among the foreigners in the Connellsville regions, McKeesport District, is growing by strides, and we are taxed to our utmost to keep pace with the demand for workers. Three have been employed this year. Two graduates from the Washington Training-school have entered the field, one being Miss Elizabeth Davis, the daughter of our McKeesport Secretary, who is located at Uniontown, Pa., and the other (educated by the McKeesport District), a native Bohemian, has taken up the work in the Monongahela coal fields, in the Washington District. Two of last year's workers will attend school.

The supply department can not show such a large cash expenditure as last year, owing to no value on second-hand clothing. Number of barrels, 35; cash value, $1,773.15; persons aided, 88.

The temperance department is arousing great interest and proving the need of such a department.

Mite-box receipts for the year, $638.13, devoted to Travelers' Aid support. Secretary of Literature distributed 12,899 leaflets, sold 118 books, 417 Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home souvenir postals, Perry pic-

tures, maps, and Home Missionary pins. Over 5,000 Thank Offering envelops distributed, proceeds used mostly for Deaconess Home support.

The Young People's Work is attracting more attention and members. The result of Miss Barge's recent visit will be seen later.

The five districts of the Conference, numbering some 2,400 members, are awakening to the need of greater personal work among the Churches and the poor about them.

Aside from caring for our own various interests, we have given a helping hand to many of the schools and homes, North, South, and West, and closed the year with gratitude for our past opportunities and a great faith for the future.

MRS. EDWARD H. UTLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PUGET SOUND.

The past year has been the most successful of any in our history. The Treasurer's report shows that we exceeded our pledge by over two hundred dollars. Our statistical reports show an increase in every department. Our Conference Reading Circle Banner goes to Bellingham District. Centralia District, with Mrs. G. A. Landen as President, stands first in the Conference for cash receipts and Auxiliary membership.

Bellingham and Seattle Districts were each organized and officered this year. Five new Auxiliaries and five Queen Esther Circles have been organized, besides many Jewel Bands and Reading Circles.

"But God is able to make all grace abound unto you, that ye having all sufficiency in all things may abound unto every good work," was the promise given to us at the beginning of the year, and God has sustained His word. He has given us grace to withstand criticism and opposition; faith to overcome difficulties; and strength for our labors. He has opened hearts and purses to the interests and demands of our work.

We have a more thorough organization of the different departments of Conference work; a better knowledge of working methods in our Auxiliaries, and a deeper consecration on the part of our membership.

The Spirit of God has been especially manifest in our work. One of the most pleasing features of our service has been that God has used us directly in ministering in spiritual things to many souls. Many rich blessings have descended into our own hearts. We are grateful for this privilege of service to our King.

(MRS.) BLANCHE DEAN BENEDICT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ROCK RIVER.

To the glory of God and the praise of our noble women, Rock River Conference reports the grandest year in its whole history. Exclusive of the Silver Offering, we have raised practically $4,000 beyond our pledges. Our whole contribution is over $6,000 above the high water mark of last year.

Our Supply Department has rendered magnificent service. Our Auxiliaries were never so active, nor our women so enthusiastic for the cause as now. The work in our new Swedish District moves onward with wonderful success.

The Silver Offering still claims the intense interest and hearty sacrifice of our societies. We have more than doubled last year's splendid

offering to that fund, and the speedy completion of our entire apportionment is already assured.

The visits and addresses of Mrs. Geggie, Mrs. Nasmyth, and Miss Snider were full of inspiration and blessing for our Conference, and their return will be hailed with gladness at any time.

Never in our career have our women manifested such deep interest in the missionary instruction of the young, in our widely scattered homes and schools, in the wards which Providence has sent to us from foreign lands, in the slums of our great cities, and in the intellectual, moral, and spiritual improvement of womanhood in general.

Although we had no General Organizer as we had in the preceding year, and our chief attention was given to the Silver Offering, our membership has materially increased. We have added seven new Auxiliaries, ten new Queen Esther Circles, with a large increase in members, and doubled the membership of the Home Guards, and of the Mothers' Jewels. We have increased our pledges to the various schools and homes for the coming year, by the sum of six hundred dollars.

The Corresponding Secretary has visited seven of the eight Districts in our Conference, attended several of the District Conventions, delivered twenty-seven public addresses during the year, and now retires to enter the field as a General Organizer.

Our young people are active, enthusiastic, and hopeful, and all our work is characterized by life, progress, and fruitfulness.

Surely the Lord has been with us, comforting our hearts in the battle for Christ, kindling love and zeal for the cause, leading onward to more general service, and crowning our humble endeavor with abundant success.

(MRS.) MARY A. LAVENDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ST. LOUIS.

Another year has closed with its opportunities in the St. Louis Conference. The year has been one of helpful growth. Capable, consecrated women have been added to our already efficient officers and the work is growing. Perhaps our greatest growth has been among our young people in the Conference. We number in Queen Esther membership, Home Guards, and Jewels, 350.

Our Annual Meeting was held in Joplin, Mo., the seat of the Annual Conference. Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock gave an earnest and inspiring address, which was listened to by a large audience.

Kansas City District Meeting was well attended. Mrs. Carrie E. Cope delivered an uplifting address on the work of the Society. In the evening a feature of the Queen Esther Rally was a choir of thirty young ladies of the Arlington Circle wearing the Society's colors. They rendered a number of fine selections, among them our Home Missionary songs. Interesting accounts were given by the young ladies of the work accomplished in their various Circles.

Independence Avenue Young Woman's Auxiliary reported an evening of tableaux with Bible characters, which was unique in representation, and most beautifully carried out.

St. Louis District holds its annual meeting at the close of this Convention, in St. Louis, and will be addressed by our own Mrs. P. C. Wilson.

The interest in the Silver Offering has been excellent. We have raised for it $378.49, with $55 more in the treasury for this quarter, making a total of $433.49. A fact to be commended and appreciated is that the young ladies of Fisk Hall gave to the Silver Offering this year $43.50,

or $2.50 per member. Linwood Boulevard Auxiliary and Bennington Heights Auxiliary have also met this $2.50 a member.

We are justly proud of Fisk Hall, our National Training-school for Deaconesses, situated in the St. Louis Conference. Our hearts are full of thankfulness to our beloved National Society for reducing the debt on Fisk Hall from $15,000 to $2,000. I think if this body of ladies could have been present at the graduating exercises of the class of 1906, numbering eleven, they would have felt repaid.

We have raised this year $1,225. This does not include our supply work. Excellent boxes filled with new garments have gone out to our parsonage homes through the untiring efforts of Mrs. William Weston, our Conference Supply Secretary.

Our special work has been Fisk Hall, Harwood Home, Watts De Peyster, Bennett Home, Dulce, The Navajoes. Lindell Avenue Church, St. Louis District, gave $100 to Colorado Conference Deaconess Home.

The subscription list to the *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's* paper is growing most encouragingly.

I owe much to the faithful ladies who have assisted me during the past year. Much praise is due our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. W. O. Miller, who, though sorely bereaved, has been so faithful in her work.

Kansas City District has adopted the plan of a School of Methods for the information of our ladies.

"The success of the Conference Society depends on the Auxiliaries. If each Auxiliary makes a feature of good programs, definite study, and special work; if the officers in the Auxiliaries continue faithful and zealous; if each member feels her personal responsibility and meets it," great things may be expected for the coming year in the St. Louis Conference.

MRS. C. B. SPENCER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Our work in California comprises almost every line of Home Missionary interest, the Chinese, the Japanese, the Mexican, and the Immigrant, of many nationalities, who comes in at San Pedro harbor, besides our frontier pastors. Our missionaries have done the usual work in Chinatown. Four girls have been rescued from slavery. We have sent a Bible woman back to China—Mrs. Lau Yui—who is to be supported by outside help.

The Japanese women number many hundred and are visited and taught by our missionary. Our immigrant worker is doing splendid service at San Pedro, while our Deaconess Home, our Rest Home, our Hospital, our Frances DePauw School, and our frontier work keep all our Auxiliaries busily engaged in providing for the needs that come to us through these different agencies.

We have met all our pledges, raised our Silver Offering of $4,000, and increased our receipts above last year over $3,000.

Your Secretary has traveled 7,500 miles, made sixty-seven addresses, organized ten new Auxiliaries, added over two hundred new members, and taken collections amounting to $850—the larger part of this for Silver Offering.

We have increased our subscriptions to our papers, scattered more literature, and created an enthusiasm for our work greater than ever before. We have lost by death one beloved Conference officer, Mrs. O. S. Frambes, and added five new life members to our roll. We are endeavor-

ing to interest every woman in our Conference in this great work of bringing America to know our Christ.

MRS. P. H. BODKIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

The year which has just closed has been the most successful in the Conference Society's history. The Treasury has reached the highest mark, and we have one Auxiliary, the Litchfield, whose members have received diplomas for completing the three years' reading course. There has been an advance in all lines, yet in some respects it has been a testing time. Our last Annual Meeting was held in Litchfield, November 1st and 2nd, where Miss Carrie Barge so ably addressed us.

Our work was represented at the District Ministerial Conference by Miss Nellie Snider, whose untiring zeal made many friends for our beloved Society.

We held District Conventions in three of our Districts.

Our anniversary at the Annual Ministerial Conference was presided over by our dear Miss Margaret F. Bell, East St. Louis, and Mrs. Alice O'Connor took especial delight in telling us about the Indians and Stickney Home. Five years of history we have for Southern Illinois. With spiritual vision we look with the possibilities for Christian work and see a multitude of Methodist women rallying for grander and more glorious conquests.

MRS. D. P. MOORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH KANSAS.

It is seed sowing time in this Conference and part of the soil is very difficult to till. Some of the seed sown the past year fell on stony ground and lived but a day. Other fields have brought forth fruit, some sixty-fold, some thirty-fold.

Our neighbors have been very kind to help us. Mrs. Cope, of the Kansas Conference, was with us at the Annual Convention and one District Conference, and gave excellent addresses.

Miss Elliott and Miss Pike both rendered valuable service.

By cash and vouchers we have paid more money than pledged. I am very glad to report that our full apportionment of Silver Offering has been paid. It was a small amount compared with others, but the raising of it represented a great deal of hard work and sacrifice. There are at present three girls from this Conference attending Fisk Training-school and next year we expect to have a deaconess of our very own working among us. To those not acquainted with existing conditions this report may seem meager, but we that are on the ground know that the work is growing and that each year brings us just a little nearer to our ideal of what the Woman's Home Missionary Society ought to be and do. Our dependence is upon God, and with His help we will labor for greater results in the coming year.

(MRS.) MARY A. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

Southwest Kansas Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society suffered a loss when Mrs. T. E. Howard, who for so many years was the very efficient and faithful Conference Corresponding Secretary, moved

to California to make that place her home; also when Mrs. Kirkwood, the Conference Treasurer, asked to be relieved of her work.

Five Districts are organized and all are doing good work. Our pledges were all paid in full, including the Silver Offering. Much credit is due our Conference President, Mrs. Fannie Lynch, of Wellington, for the very successful Convention held at Winfield in June. Dr. Lynn, of Grace Church, Winfield, gave a fine address on Thursday evening of the Convention. Our Conference Anniversary was held at Hutchinson in March. Miss Bertha Elliott, deaconess, gave an inspiring address, and at the close a collection was taken for our frontier preachers.

Last year Hutchinson First Church and Winfield District trained their own deaconesses and they are now on the field doing good work. This year First Church, Wichita, and Dodge Avenue, Wichita, are each training a deaconess.

Conventions will be held in all of the Districts during October and November. We are praying that our Conference may do more and better work this year than in any year of its history.

(MRS.) NETTIE TEDRICK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TROY.

At our Conference Convention last fall our efficient Corresponding Secretary felt she must give up a part of her work, as home duties were crowding her. Consequently a new Secretary was appointed, and we feel as though the Conference had met with a great drawback in having to teach a new officer her duties.

Troy Conference brings her report with great thankfulness toward our Heavenly Father for all His goodness toward us, in that we have been able to meet all the pledges made; have increased in numbers and that an ever-increasing interest is felt among our young people. The work pressed hard on our Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. John Duffield, so that she asked for and secured an assistant in each of our five districts, thereby being able to come in closer touch with the young people all through the Conference. During the year we have organized nine Queen Esther Circles and six Bands.

Miss Carrie Barge was with us for two weeks last winter and much good was done.

Last winter we received, as a gift, the Home on Eagle Street, Albany, formerly used as an "Open Door Mission." This house, as a "Deaconess Home," is much more convenient, both for use and access, than the old one. It has been newly decorated, and new plumbing put in throughout, and September 27th was held the dedicatory service with sermon by Rev. I. D. Van Valkenburgh, presiding elder of the Albany District. This was followed by a reception, which was made a particularly happy one by its being the thirty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of our beloved President and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simpson, who received the hearty congratulations of all present.

We are very proud of our new Home, as it is a good building, well located, and all in perfect condition. On the third floor is the dormitory, where any one who has ten cents to use, can procure a good bed for one night; for twenty-five cents can have a room alone.

Our two Traveler's Aid—Troy and Albany—often find people who are "stranded" at the depot who are very glad to avail themselves of the chance to get a good bed for almost nothing. The occupants of these beds are expected to attend evening worship with the family, which con-

sists of matron and four deaconesses. Now that we have a Home that is arranged so we *can*, we shall introduce "kitchengarden" work among the children of the neighborhood and a "Mothers' meeting."

The reception was also made the occasion of a "linen shower" to the Home. It proved to be, not a shower, but a down-pour, as a goodly amount of linen, bedding, and kitchen utensils, also seventy-five dollars in money, was received. Our Home henceforth will be called "The Open Door Mission and E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home."

We are pleased that all of our presiding elders are so loyal to our cause. They have all expressed a willingness to let our ladies present our Deaconess Work at the Preachers' Meetings, held in each District.

Our reports have been coming in this year more promptly than before. At one of our District Meetings every Auxiliary, Circle, and Band in the District had a report and every Auxiliary, but one, had a delegate to read it. All of our regular District Meetings and a summer meeting at Round Lake (where Miss Mary Tripp, of the Navajo Mission, Farmington, New Mexico, and Miss Margaret Tripp, also of New Mexico, were the speakers) have been held.

We are still working at our Silver Offering Fund and do not intend to stop until the full amount has been reached. Some of our Auxiliaries have already met their apportionment. Our President and Field Secretary have been indefatigable in their labors, and the result is we have a fine set of stereopticon pictures of the different Home Missionary Homes. The Secretary, Miss C. J. Dodge, while showing these gives a short history—in her bright way—of each Home as presented on the canvas, thus forming a fine evening's entertainment. This she will do anywhere in the Conference for the benefit of our "Silver Offering" fund.

(MRS.) M. B. HUTTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER IOWA.

When we read that the delegates representing the Upper Iowa Conference at the Indianapolis meeting accepted a banner, together with nineteen other Conferences, in token of their pledge to raise $2.50 a member Silver Offering, we were glad we were not present lest our faith might not have measured up to that high altitude.

When our Conference Treasurer's report reached us at the close of the fiscal year we rejoiced that our dedegates were women of faith and courage. The amount of Silver Offering reported, together with the amount paid the first quarter of the present fiscal year, aggregates $3,500, leaving only $1,500 of our pledge of $5,000 yet to raise. In reaching this result seven of our Auxiliaries averaged paying five dollars a member for Woman's Home Missions. Fourteen others averaged four dollars a member. Forty-two of our sixty-four Auxiliaries averaged above $2.50 a member. The beautiful banner was displayed at all our District Meetings in September. It created enthusiasm for Silver Offering.

Mrs. Geggie spent May and June in the Conference. She secured 135 Auxiliary members, including two new Auxiliaries; 27 Queen Esthers, and 52 Home Guards. Her chief success was in arousing enthusiasm for the Silver Offering. Her itinerary was left entirely in the hands of the District Secretaries. The District Secretaries are managing their Districts with marked ability.

Miss Nellie Snider gave efficient service at five of the District Annual Meetings in September.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff gave the addresses at the Conference

Annual Meeting and the Conference Anniversary. Her work in the Conference will give added inspiration to the cause of Woman's Home Missions.

Having no Deaconess Home, Hospital, or Orphanage within the bounds of our Conference, all our money except the $100 for Bohemian work and an added $100 for "silent" work—evangelistic work among the deaf mutes in the Conference, carried on by a local preacher, himself a deaf mute—is used without the bounds of our Conference.

(MRS.) MARGARET ALSPAUGH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UTAH.

Another year has rolled by and again it is harvest time. Perhaps the smallest sheaves will be brought in by the Utah Conference, but the seeds have been sown with prayers and watered with tears, and may sometime bring forth an abundant harvest.

Our new Deaconess Home is built and furnished and we have five deaconesses at the present time, all doing splendid work.

We have three Auxiliaries—one new one organized this year—with a membership of sixty-four in all; one band of Mothers' Jewels; one Queen Esther Circle that is doing good work. They clothe a child in the Mothers' Jewels Home at York, Neb., besides doing a great amount of work here in the city. Our mission has supported this child and met other obligations.

Our members are becoming more interested in the mite-boxes. A great many have been distributed, and the results are encouraging. We have twenty subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, and thirty to *Children's Home Missions.*

We have many earnest, loyal women in our Conference who, having put their hand to the plow in this line of work, will not turn back, but are looking forward to the harvest, hoping to claim many rich sheaves as their own. (MRS.) W. W. ANNESS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

VERMONT.

In reviewing the work of the year we find more sunshine than shadows, though not as bright as hoped for, our Father has blessed His work and workers.

An interesting address was given at the Conference Annual Meeting by Miss Bertha Fowler. The Conference Anniversary and District Meetings were attended by Mrs. N. W. Bass, who also spoke at Montpelier, securing thirty-four new members, eighteen at Barre, and organized Auxiliaries at South Royalton, and at Island Pond with forty-seven members, several of them gentlemen. Thus our Conference membership was increased more than one hundred by her ten days' itinerary. Mrs. F. B. Clark ably presented the work at Claremont, Lyndonville, and Sheldon camp grounds. At the latter thirty-five dollars was given toward a scholarship in Kent Home. Mrs. Clark also organized a Queen Esther Circle at Swanton, and they have pledged a kindergarten scholarship in Kent Home. The Young People's Society of Enosburg Falls supported a girl in Stickney Home last year, and have the money nearly raised for her this year. A friend in Brattleboro has also provided for a scholarship in New Jersey Home. Many of the Auxiliaries have observed the Silver Anniversary. Hardwick reported the full amount raised, $2.50 per member.

May we strive to increase our diligence in the Master's service.

MRS. V. A. IRISH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WASHINGTON.

Washington Conference has been greatly inspired by contact with the earnest Christian workers at the Annual Meeting at Indianapolis. Our work, as a whole, is more encouraging than ever before. Some of our Auxiliaries in the rural districts need inspiration through an organizer. But *Onward* we march to greater success.

Our young people are using every opportunity for usefulness. The Home Guards are nobly performing little duties assigned them.

We are thankful to God that our work has been greatly successful. Dues better paid and pledges fully met. We have paid to the General Fund an increase of $54.90 over last year; paid on account Silver Offering, $132.31; Queen Esther Circle to Kent Home, $40.00; Conference to Thayer Home, $60.00; total amount raised and paid this year, $515.71, showing a grand *increase* of $227.21 over last year.

We entreat you to remember Washington Conference in your petitions to Almighty God.

(MISS) ANNIE R. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST TEXAS.

My Conference is at work trying to raise funds to build an annex to Eliza Dee Home. Miss King can provide comfortably for fourteen girls only, but is compelled this session to crowd in two or three more.

Our Anniversary was held December 2nd in San Antonio. Miss King and Miss Wheeler spoke to an audience of over five hundred.

I attended our five District Associations during the summer and much interest was manifested.

I have organized and reorganized three Auxiliaries, have endeavored to create a real missionary spirit throughout my whole Conference. I have worked exceedingly hard to meet my pledges, made at Indianapolis. I now come to ask every delegate to help me with the Home.

(MRS.) E. S. SPRIGGS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST VIRGINIA.

Yesterday our Annual Meeting was held at Sistersville. This arrangement was made so that the ladies attending the Convention would have an opportunity of hearing Miss Barge speak at our Anniversary Meeting at Conference.

We rejoice over the success of both meetings. The admirable address of Miss Barge means the strengthening of our work. She inspired not only members of Auxiliaries and pastors who have encouraged our work, but preachers and people who have hitherto been uninterested have promised to help propagate our cause.

While our reports did not show a remarkable growth numerically, the financial showing was indeed gratifying. The success of the year's work is attributed to the indefatigable labors of the noble women of our Auxiliaries.

Three new societies of Young People's Work were organized during the year, and a new Conference officer was installed, Miss Laura Jamison, of Moundsville, Secretary of Young People's Work.

Geographically, our Conference is a hard field to work. With only

one organized District, the outlying Auxiliaries receive no impetus from sister Auxiliaries, no inspiration from District Conventions, but we hope this year to organize another District and enlarge our borders by entering new Districts.

Our Silver Offering is deficient. We had not expected to raise throughout the Conference the $2.50 per member, but our hopes have been more than realized as we have only a small deficit. The pledges this year exceed those of any previous year. Mrs. Stone, of Wheeling, gave $100.00 to the building of the Chinese Home.

We report one life member and one reading circle and an increased subscription to the *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions.*

The Conference officers are devoted to their duties and well supported by the Auxiliaries. We see the fruits of our labor and they have not been in vain. We enter upon the year with increased determination to win victories for God who has so abundantly blessed us.

(MRS.) L. MAY HOLT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST WISCONSIN.

I am pleased to present in person my twentieth annual report of work in the West Wisconsin Conference. Yet I regret that in all these years there has not been more accomplished and greater activity reached in this field of labor.

This Conference is not strong but has a large missionary territory of its own, having about five thousand Indians, only partly civilized, and some even worshipping idols. Within the bounds of this Conference there are forty ministers on large circuits, who receive less than five hundred dollars. With these facts before us, I do not think we ought to be discouraged. We are improving and report some advance over last year's work, both in membership and finance. We are only a twinkling star compared with the brilliant work of some of the strong Conferences, but we are trying to shine our best.

Miss Mahon, who labored very faithfully in this Conference for six weeks, will probably say, as organizers have, that this is a very difficult field for the Woman's Home Missionary work. There are indeed so many obstacles in the way that it is like raising two dollars to get one. At our last Annual Conference some of the ministers were somewhat concerned about our sending what little money we have been able to raise to institutions outside of our Conference, and they, by resolution, requested that at least fifty per cent be spent within the bounds of the Conference. Whether this would be for the best interest of the Master's work or to merely gratify a selfish purpose, I am not prepared to state.

We have a number of grand, loyal women at work, who can always be depended upon, so we are not going to give up the battle, but do all we can to help "Save America for Christ."

MRS. M. BENSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WISCONSIN.

The report from Wisconsin Conference may seem meager and insignificant as compared with reports from other States, but our friends must bear in mind that our commonwealth is still mission territory, and that within its borders there is very much of missionary work to be done. We are a German State, with a beer-loving, Sabbath breaking people. There is so much local work in our State that our hearts and hands are

full to overflowing. I wish I might bring a more satisfactory report of moneys raised and work accomplished for the General Society, but it is the best we could do this year, and with the blessing and help of God, we hope to be able to accomplish more and greater things for the Master's work in the year that is before us. On taking up the work we found that our Society had elected new officers throughout. Mrs. E. S. Davis was elected to the Presidency. She is a woman full of zeal and love for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and a public speaker of no common merit. She has served as Conference Organizer and platform speaker during the past year. Some of our Districts have been quite thoroughly covered, and next year we hope to reach the rest. We have added six new societies with a hundred members. This has not increased our membership in the Conference, however, as some societies had disbanded and passed out of existence. At Annual Meeting we reported twenty-five Auxiliaries, with a membership of 500; two Queen Esther Circles with seven members; two Bands, with one hundred members; and six Mothers' Jewels, with a membership of ninety-five. We have one hundred and thirty-one subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, and one hundred and fourteen to *Children's Home Missions*. The total receipts of our Conference for the year are $1,060.91, of which $130.88 is for special work. We have raised $262.28 for Silver Offering.

MRS. A. J. BENJAMIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WILMINGTON.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference has just closed one of the most prosperous years in its history. The women of the Conference have not failed to meet the requirements, and we can report a large increase along many lines of work. The Districts have efficient officers who feel their responsibility, and who desire to measure up to the magnitude of the work.

The young people are becoming more and more interested, through their leader, Miss M. Grace Quigg, who gives much thought and time in planning to make the work attractive.

Valuable supplies have been sent to our ministers on the frontier and in the South, as well as to our Industrial School and Homes.

Our Secretary of Literature, Mrs. John H. Huffington, has distributed thousands of pages of literature and annual reports to each Auxiliary Society.

Interest in the Reading Circle is growing and a traveling library, containing the books of the course, has started on its journey throughout the Conference.

Mite-box receipts show a gratifying increase.

In systematic beneficence the seed is taking root to produce in future days. The Day of Prayer was observed with a union service of the Auxiliaries on Wilmington District.

The "Silver Offering" has been the theme for the past year, and we trust the coming one we may be able to report the $2.50 per member paid.

In response to the call for the Chinese Home in San Francisco, one hundred dollars was collected in Grace Church Auxiliary and immediately sent to Mrs. Bovard.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting was held in Harrison Street Church, Wilmington, on March 8th. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Wyatt, and Mrs. William Clayton, President of the Auxiliary, welcomed the Convention in a most cordial way, which was replied to by Mrs. H. A. G. Westerfield in her usual happy manner.

Miss Millicent Corp, of the Washington Training-school, and our future deaconess, presented the work at the afternoon session, the evening being devoted to the Young People's Work.

The Conference Anniversary address by Rev. F. F. Carpenter, of Mt. Salem, was full of just the information and inspiration that was needed.

Miss Bertha Fowler addressed a meeting in the interest of the Silver Anniversary Offering, in Grace Church, early in the year, with most gratifying results. If the advance of the closing year is permanent we believe it will be in a great measure through the little missionary meetings held each month by our Auxiliary societies.

(MRS.) EMMA L. WELDIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has the honor to report a good year. There have been several new Auxiliaries formed and an increase in the numbers of the old ones.

The Misses Corbin and Mahon worked a few weeks in the two unorganized Districts, doing some valuable seed sowing.

A Conference report was published this year as a venture, and was so favorably received that it is expected to become a yearly feature.

Miss Bertha Fowler, of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, gave a charming and forcible address on City Mission Work, at the Annual Meeting.

A legacy of $4.000.00 was used in payment on the purchase of the Japanese Mission Building in San Francisco; another legacy of $100.00 and an individual gift of $200.00 were sent to Bennett Home, besides the money raised by the Auxiliaries in fulfillment of the pledges made at Indianapolis, and the valuable supplies sent to the frontier.

There are about a thousand Mothers' Jewels and several Bands of Home Guards and Queen Esther Circles, who are doing special work.

The Silver Offering is about half raised. The expectation is that the balance will be raised this year.

(MRS.) ROSAMOND D. RHONE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING MISSION.

Wyoming Mission is in process of evolution, and it is hoped that as we grow we may evolve some strong Woman's Home Missionary Societies, but at present we are few and struggling.

The work among the young people is very encouraging, but we all need education along missionary lines and are praying that much good may come from Miss Barge's proposed visit to part of this State this coming December.

This is really a part of the great Home Mission field, as nearly every Church in the State receives assistance from the General Missionary Society, so we should be willing and anxious to help the cause along, but there are so many calls for both time and money and so few workers that it is difficult to persuade the people that missions are necessary and that the Church which gives largely to help others is the most prosperous.

We can not promise to do more this year than last, but we will do our best, knowing that every little helps, and trusting that in time the little leaven may leaven the whole lump. And to this end we ask your prayers that this part of the "Great Empire of the West" may be more for the cause of Christ and Missions.

MRS. G. W. MCCREERY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

EDITOR "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

A MISSIONARY publication exists for two purposes—to get and to give. It must be forever getting information and forever giving it out. The brightest, most accurate, and the most telling information concerning the need for our work must be secured and given to our leaders that they may thereby be stimulated to larger and better service. For it is true in all Christian and philanthropic work that its exceeding great reward comes in always having more and more of it to do.

A cardinal principle with Bishop McCabe, the prince of money getters, has always been, "Let the people know what you do with their money and you will get more." *Woman's Home Missions* endeavors to let the people know the need for our work, the best ways of doing it, and what has been done with their money in order that the Woman's Home Missionary Society may get more and always more.

Since information is so important an asset in our work, a word concerning the getting of it is in order. Our Bureau Secretaries are thoroughly informed as to what is going on in their own Bureaus. Some of them are prompt to report such information through the paper as they feel will help on the work. This is a wise expenditure of time and effort. We earnestly ask all Bureau Secretaries to keep *Woman's Home Missions* informed concerning the work of their respective Bureaus. It pays. A single item may win a friend to the cause or secure a substantial gift in money.

A Conference Secretary may greatly aid the cause by sending to *Woman's Home Missions*, from time to time, brief notices of work done within the bounds of her Conference and calling attention to bright plans of work which have proved successful.

It is a joy to know that *Woman's Home Missions* goes steadily on lengthening its subscription list. This would seem to indicate a fair degree of appreciation of the effort made by the paper to get and to give information. Still we believe that much larger increase might be made were our women more generally alive to the importance of intelligence concerning our work. A report just received from one auxiliary forcibly illustrates this point. The auxiliary of a certain Church reports one hundred and thirty members, with one hundred Queen Esthers, one hundred and thirty Jewels, and twenty "Wesley girls" (presumably Home Guards), and all busy at work. Inquiry as to the number of subscriptions to our papers revealed the fact that there were over sixty subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions* in this auxiliary, while fifty copies of *Children's Home Missions* were taken. These women know, therefore, they grow.

Since it is our well-informed women who become the strong and faithful supporters of our gracious work, why should we not all work toward a largely increased list of subscriptions to our papers for the coming year? It will certainly mean more intelligence, more gifts to the Treasury, and, consequently, more work in behalf of Christ's poor.

(MISS) MARTHA VAN MARTER.

EDITOR "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

Children's Home Missions has its own place and purpose. To some it may seem that its place is wholly among the children, and that we older ones should be absolved from any responsibility concerning it.

Not so. We provide clothing and food for our children. We send them to school, to Sunday-school, and to Church. We do not wait to hear them ask for these things, but we provide them without question. If the place for *Children's Home Missions* is not among the elders, certainly it is their duty to place it, and to see that the children of Jewel and Home Guard age in their Church are provided with it, and this "For the love of Christ and in His name."

Children's Home Missions has its purpose as well as its place. Its purpose is to please the children and also to instruct and stimulate them to loving service in behalf of Christ's poor in our home land. That this purpose is accomplished to some extent we believe, because of the reports which come to the editor's desk declaring that the children love the little paper and read it eagerly. That they are thereby, in some degree at least, stimulated to good work may be safely inferred from the fact that the children's work in our Society is growing steadily and even rapidly. We believe that the paper has some part in this growth.

Now and then a criticism reaches us that the paper is too youthful in tone, but to this we can only reply that it is intended for our Jewels and Home Guards, and they are young. Our little sheet is far too small to cater to widely differing ages.

Year after year, through pictures, songs, and true stories of our work we are seeking to arrest the attention and win the co operation of the little people of our Church to Home Missions. It is a delightful service to thus break the bread for the little ones in the Father's house, and the responsibility is not a light one. That it is a real service for humanity, for our beloved Church, for the children themselves, and above all, for the Lord we love, we steadfastly believe.

Why then should we not all join heartily in the endeavor to reach more and more of the children of the Church? Our auxiliaries have their agent for *Woman's Home Missions*, but too often it is the case that in the multiplicity of things to engage the attention of the workers, this one more thing of securing subscriptions for *Children's Home Missions*, is crowded out.

We can not, as a Society, afford to let the winning and instruction of the children be ignored, for right here is the base of our supplies for future years. Is it too much to ask that each Conference Corresponding Secretary should do her utmost to induce each auxiliary under her care to be responsible for at least ten copies of *Children's Home Missions* each year? And is it too much to hope that each paper agent may be induced to take the care of this list upon her heart? Something over 3,000 auxiliaries of our Society were reported last year. Think what it would mean to our subscription list and how infinitely more to our work, both for the present and for the future, to have twenty-five or thirty thousand children enlisted under the banner of Home Missions!

Is not this worth striving for! Without doubt it could be accomplished if our Conference and District officers could but have their eyes opened to the importance of training children in mission work. It is Mrs. Jennie Fowler who says: "It is what you do to a child when he is little, that matters the most."

(MISS) MARTHA VAN MARTER.

PUBLISHER "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand August 1, 1905	$1,282 52	
Subscriptions	9,479 00	
Advertisements	300 37	
		$11,061 89

EXPENDITURES.

Printing, etc.	$6,699 14	
Stationery, Cards, and Postage	141 54	
Salaries (3 months) Editor and Publisher	325 02	
Office Rent	300 00	
Traveling Expenses to Annual Editor and Publisher	75 85	
Record Cards and Office Safe	36 25	
Sundries	54 51	
		7,632 31
To General Treasury W. H. M. S.		2,750 00
Cash balance on hand		679 58
		$11,061 89

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PUBLISHER "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	$1,643 24

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	$1,545 94	
Salaries (3 months) Editor and Publisher	99 96	
Subscription Leaflet	20 94	
Sundries	21 60	
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Total number of subscribers (by actual count) at close of July quarter, 15,264. Respectfully submitted,

(MISS) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

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HOME MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

THIRTY-THREE Conferences have reported Reading Circles this year. The following have taken up the work and will be ready with reports another year: Alabama, California, Central Illinois, Central Missouri, Columbia River, Des Moines, Illinois, Nebraska, New England Southern, North Dakota, Northern Minnesota, Northwest Indiana, Northwest Iowa, Pittsburg, South Kansas, Troy, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The total number of readers is 3,923. The fact that fifty-two Conferences have taken up this department of our work is an encouraging omen for the success of our Society.

Rock River Conference has the largest membership, but Detroit Conference has made the greatest advance, reporting 242 this year—no report last year. Iowa Conference comes second, and Upper Iowa third.

Four new books have been added to the course this year: "The Victory of Mary Christopher," by Harvey Reeves Calkins; "The Wingtown Parson's Linen Duster," by Isabella Pierpont Hopkins; "Down in Porto Rico," by George Milton Fowles; "Intoxicants and Opium in All Lands and Times," by Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts and Mary and Margaret W. Leitch.

List of Reading Circles, with the name of the Conference, city, or town in which they are located.

ROCK RIVER.—Five hundred and fifty readers. Chicago—Evanston, Irving Park, Ravenswood, Wesley, Edgewater, Emmanuel, St. Luke's, Englewood, Ingleside, Garfield Park, La Grange, Oak Park First Church, Oak Park—Cuyler Avenue, Park Avenue, Sacramento Avenue, Western Avenue; Rockford, Elgin, Marengo, Belvidere, Belvidere Y. W., Freeport, Polo, Milledgeville, Lena, Aurora.

CENTRAL OHIO.—Four hundred and fifty-nine readers. St. Mary, Lima, Cold Water, Marion, Prospect, Marysville, Radnor, Upper Sandusky, Lovell, Delaware, Perrysburg, Toledo—Boardway, Clark Street, Epworth, Euclid Avenue, St. John's, St. Paul's, Monroe Street, McClure.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Four hundred and thirty-nine readers. Weedsport, Syracuse District—Newark, Pen Yan, Canandaigua, Sodus; Elmira—First Methodist Episcopal, Hedding, Burnside, Centenary, Canton, Horseheads, North Tonawanda, Cortland, Moravia.

NORTH INDIANA.—Three hundred and thirty-one readers. Huntington, Fort Wayne, Elkhart, Wabash, Marion, Red Key, Goshen First, Goshen Chapel, Acadia, Cicero, Mishawaka, Dublin, Wolcottville, Logansport, Bluffton.

CINCINNATI.—Two hundred and fifty readers. Hillsboro, Leesburg, Jamestown, Madisonville, Cincinnati—St. Paul's, St. Paul's Circle, Walnut Hills, York Street, South Charleston, Franklin, Miamisburg, Oxford, Dayton.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.—Two hundred and forty-three readers. Watertown, Arsenal Street, State Street; Antwerp, Carthage, Fulton, Sandy Creek, Adams, Mexico, Oswego, Pulaski.

DETROIT.—Two hundred and forty-two readers. Wyandotte, Detroit—Haven, Cass Avenue; Simpson, Flint, Owassa, Bad Avenue; Detroit, Port Huron, D.; Flint, D.; Saginaw, D.; Detroit, D.

BALTIMORE.—Two hundred and thirty-seven readers. Baltimore—Harford Avenue; East Baltimore Station—North Avenue, First Church, Madison Avenue, Union Square; Washington, D. C., Foundry, Douglas, McKendry.

NEW ENGLAND.—Two hundred readers. Boston—Winthrop Street, Baker Memorial, Highland; Brookline—Lynne, State Street, First, St. Paul's; Winthrop, Clintondale, Malden Centre; Cambridge—Grace Church, Hyde Park; Winchester, Somerville.

NEWARK.—One hundred and eighty-two readers. Newark—Roseville, Centenary, St. Luke's, Central; Bayonne, Jersey City Brown Memorial, Jersey City Lafayette, Plainfield, Dunellen, Rutherford, Patterson Wesley, Watterson Market Street.

IOWA.—One hundred and eighty readers. Fifteen Circles.

UPPER IOWA.—One hundred and seventy-six readers. Belle Plaine,

Marshalltown, Elberon, Traer, Greene, Cedar Falls, Epworth First Church, Epworth Seminary Class, Raymond, Rockford, Tipton.

OREGON.—One hundred and seventy-three readers. Portland—Centenary, Mt. Tabor, Taylor Street, Sunnyside, Sunnyside Circle; Oswego, Hillsboro, Salem, Silverton, Woodlawn, Portland Corvallis, Eugene, Grant's Pass.

PUGET SOUND.—One hundred and seventy-one readers. Hoquiam, Bay Center, Pe Ell, Centralia, Kalama, Vancouver, Bellingham, First Church, Trinity, Arlington.

PHILADELPHIA.—One hundred and sixty-one readers. Philadelphia—Park Avenue, First Church, Tioga, Tabernacle, Christ Church.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.—One hundred and fifty-one readers. Arkansas City, Kinsley, Wellington, Wichita, Dodge Avenue, St. Paul's.

INDIANA.—One hundred and twenty-nine readers.

NORTHWEST KANSAS.—Eighty-eight readers. Salina, Osborne, Lincoln, Russell.

WILMINGTON.—Eighty-three readers. Wilmington—Asbury, Grace, St. Paul's, Scott, Epworth, Harrison Street, Union; Silver Brook, Mt. Salem, Elkton, Port Deposit, North East, New Castle.

ST. LOUIS.—Sixty-two readers.

NORTHWEST IOWA.—Sixty readers.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—Fifty-nine readers. Los Angeles, San Diego.

NEW JERSEY.—Fifty readers. Trenton, Vineland.

LITTLE ROCK.—Forty-five readers.

EAST OHIO.—Forty readers. Cambridge, Uhrichsville.

MICHIGAN.—Thirty-seven readers. Plainville, Shepherd.

NEW YORK EAST.—Thirty readers. Brooklyn—Embury Memorial, Embury Cropsey Avenue, Mamaroneck.

IDAHO.—Twenty-six readers. Idaho Falls.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Twenty readers. Concord, Newfields.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—Twelve readers. Litchfield.

AUSTIN.—Eight readers. San Antonio.

NORTH NEBRASKA.—Eight readers.

ERIE.—One reader. New Wilmington, Pa.

MISS KATHERINE H. BASSETT, *Secretary.*

GENERAL SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

REPORTS perform their true office when they are used comparatively. This department has covered only three years, so it will be permissible to slightly review its statistics.

In the first report, the secretaries numbered 214; in the second, 1,884; in that which you receive to-day, they number 3,218.

When we have 195 more secretaries in the auxiliaries, 300 more in the districts, and five more in the Conferences, the department will be completely organized.

Five Conferences have no Secretary of Literature; but in these Conferences a great deal of work is being done—which, however, does not appear in my report.

The examination of the figures which I have laid before you discloses two significant conditions: the practically complete organization of the auxiliary, and the lack of organization of the district.

In studying the work of the Society, through the glass of the Literature Department, the question has arisen, Are we going on to the elim-

ination of the District Secretary from the operations of the Society? Many Conferences have practically no district organization. And the district meeting, instead of being a source of development and inspiration to the women within its range, has been allowed to fall into "innocuous desuetude." The Conference Secretary of Literature can not come into personal touch with the auxiliary units of the Society. It is the District Secretary who can impress her own thoughtfulness and earnestness upon the closer range of her district, directing the work of the auxiliary, stimulating their enthusiasm and inspiration, and co-operating with the Conference Secretary in all her wider plans for the Conference.

But, in this connection I will recommend that the office of Secretary of Literature, of whatever rank, be given to no woman who bears the responsibility of any other office. If this mistake has been made, do not continue it. Correct it immediately. We have women waiting for this very work. Find them.

The Department of Literature needs 300 more of these District Secretaries, and should gain them by election or appointment during the passing year. The District Secretary is an arm of power which we can not afford to have amputated.

There has been a lack of understanding as to what are the duties of the Secretary of Literature in the auxiliary. They are not clearly defined in the Constitution and By-Laws. The General Secretary of Literature advises that they be specified as follows:

It shall be her duty to solicit subscriptions for the *Woman's Home Missions* and the *Children's Home Missions*.

She should endeavor to influence the Sunday-school Board to put the *Children's Home Missions* into the list of Sunday-schoool papers.

She shall be the librarian, but called the Secretary of Literature.

She shall keep a file of the periodicals and the Annual Reports, for reference, take and forward orders for the same.

She shall be the agent in the purchase of new books for the use of the auxiliary.

She should be a member of the Program Committee.

She should provide leaflets a month ahead of the subject for study, for the use of the auxiliary in the preparation of its program.

She is recommended to try to provide funds for the purchase of literature without drawing upon the contingent fund of the auxiliary.

She shall keep a record of her work, and report regularly and systematically, giving each month the number of the subscribers to the periodicals, and the amount of distribution of literature, specifying the number of leaflets, books, and reports, and also the total number of pages.

Every quarter she must send to the District Secretary of Literature a statement of the work she has done during the quarter. This report must enumerate the number of books, leaflets, and Annual Reports, and the total number of pages distributed; but must not include the literature received from the District or Conference officers.

The Secretary of Literature has the field of the widest influence in the officiary of the Society. And in no way can the sphere of influence of the Society be more rapidly and effectively enlarged than by the Secretary of Literature making a vigorous campaign for the two papers.

She should endeavor to influence the Epworth League to introduce Home Missionary topics into the programs.

During the year the Department of Literature has made especial effort along two lines. These have been the display of literature at public meetings and the establishment of a literature income in the auxiliary for the purchase of literature. No business can get along without capital;

and the Department of Literature must not be a beggar nor a hanger-on. The crumbs that fall from the scantily furnished table of the contingent fund are not enough to satisfy the growing appetite of this healthy and vigorous child of the Society. Consequently the General Secretary has determinedly taught the lesson of self-support to her constituency.

Honorable mention of several Conferences should be made:

Baltimore Conference has displayed literature at the largest number of public meetings—24.

East Ohio Conference has distributed the largest number of Annual Reports—636; and also the largest number of auxiliaries with literature incomes—46.

North Indiana Conference has the best all-round report.

North Indiana, Baltimore, North New York, and East Ohio Conferences have distributed a total of 953,144 pages.

Mrs. Izant, Secretary for the East Ohio Conference, has written 151 letters to her constituency; Miss Mohler, Secretary for North Indiana Conference, has written 214 letters and 50 postals. So you see how the literature idea is buzzing all along the line.

I append the following statistical report: Number of Conference Secretaries of Literature, 68; number of District Secretaries of Literature, 150; number of Auxiliary Secretaries of Literature, 3,004; total number of Secretaries of Literature, 3,222; number of Auxiliaries having literature incomes, 297; number of public meetings displaying literature, 723; total number of pages distributed by all the Conferences, 2,725,650.

The General Secretary of Literature has written 1,231 letters and 500 postals in the prosecution of her work.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION STUDY COURSE.

THE work of this Committee lies between that of the Reading Circle on one hand and the Department of General Publications on the other. To keep the record and to know the number of its text-books that are ordered, is to feel the pulse-beat of our organization. It is gratifying, therefore, to be able to report continued progress along this line and to forecast marked increase of demand for the text-book of the coming year. Its title, "The Incoming Millions," indicates its line of thought. Its author, Rev. Dr. Grose, Editorial Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, is an authority on the subject of which he writes, and has prepared a book that will meet successfully the rapidly increasing demand not only in our own Society, but in other organizations, for information concerning the "stranger within our gates" and the work that must be done for aliens if we are to win America for Christ.

(MISS) ALICE M. GUERNSEY.

EDITOR OF LITERATURE.

AS EVERY mother knows, there comes a time in the life of a child when it is difficult to keep up with the growth of the boy or girl. The sleeves of last year's jacket are up to the elbows and last year's dresses come barely to the knees. Tucks must be let down, sleeves lengthened, and new and larger garments provided.

No one knows better than my faithful and successful predecessor that this was the condition of the Department of General Publications of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the close of the last fiscal year.

During her decade of service as editor of leaflets, both demand and supply increased so rapidly that a certain amount of revision of methods and plans was necessary in order to meet the growth of the business. New relations must needs be established between the several offices, also, that all might work as a harmonious whole.

In February, 1906, pursuant to a call from the Business Committee, representatives of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and of the Office Secretaries of the Department, met at the hospitable home of Mrs. D. L. Williams, in Delaware, Ohio. Days were spent in careful and prayerful discussion and in planning new garments for the children of our love and faith. Among the important results are the following:

Unifying of the work by making one central, or publishing, office, and several branch offices, thus following the successful example of the time-honored Methodist Book Concern.

A uniform system of bookkeeping for all the offices, and one official catalogue.

A complete system of reports, by which the records of future years will show the extent of the business carried on by this department as has never been possible in the past.

The cost of booklets, leaflets, cards, and mite-boxes for the year was $1,816.72. About one-third of this amount was for literature to be sold, leaving something like $1,200 as the cost of nearly three-fourths of a million of free leaflets, cards, and mite-boxes. The profit on the pay literature will largely balance this amount.

Our two regular lists of those receiving "Concert Lesson Helps" monthly, and the new leaflets as rapidly as they are issued, have met with much favor. We send out about five hundred sets of "Concert Lesson Helps" each month to those who have paid for them in advance, and the "New Leaflet List," started last spring, now numbers over a hundred names of those eager to "keep up" with our Home Mission publications. Plans are under way by which we shall be able to depend more largely than heretofore upon our own publications alone to supply the helps for the lessons.

Add to the success of these lists the fact of the increasingly large number of Auxiliaries that follow the admirable program plans given in *Woman's Home Missions* and use the text-books of the Home Mission Study Course, and we can not fail to thank God and take courage because of the number of intelligent workers now being developed. It is especially gratifying to be able to report an unusual number of calls from Queen Esther Circles for Home Mission text-books.

Because of the changes made in the middle of the year it is impossible to give a complete statistical report this year covering all of the offices. Another year we shall be able to give full details, and much more accurately than could be done in the past. The figures given apply, therefore, to publication rather than to distribution.

STATISTICS OF GENERAL PUBLICATIONS.

Cost of Printing, Mite-boxes, and Home Guard Badges	$1,816 72
Leaflets Published—New	345,500
Leaflets Published—Reprints	397,000
Booklets	6,000
Maps	10,000
Souvenir Postals	6,500
Membership Cards	20,000
Thank-offering Envelopes	30,000
Mite-boxes	60,000

Receipts of New York Office—

For Literature	$2,390 64
Auxiliary Pins	58 95
Young People's Pins	221 75
Home Guard Pins	36 56
Balance from last year	33 65
	$2,741 55

Disbursements from New York Office—

Postage and Express	$435 91	
Office Supplies	81 07	
Miscellaneous	59 74	
Literature Bought	605 96	
Bills for Printing, Mite-boxes, and Badges Paid.	782 81	
		1,965 49
		$776 06
Sent General Treasurer		650 00
Balance on hand		$126 06

Inventory value of stock on hand (including all the offices):

Pay Supplies	$883 59
Free Leaflets, Mite-boxes, etc.	960 79
	$1,844 38

(MISS) ALICE M. GUERNSEY.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

The difficulty of securing well trained workers for our various fields continues rather than decreases. Recommendations and testimonials do not always bring about desired results. The Committee asks that great care and discrimination be exercised by those who furnish these, that they be not merely complimentary.

From the fact that some of the missionaries appointed have been found quite unfitted for the work after reaching their field, it is suggested by the Committee that applicants shall not be accepted as missionaries by the Society until they have been in the work one year.

Bureau Secretaries are urged to use every effort to secure such workers as will be best fitted for the work under their care.

Mrs. Wm. Christie Herron, *Chairman.*

TRANSPORTATION.

I have the honor to submit the following report on transportation for the Convention:

Arrangements were effected with the Western Passenger Association, the Central Traffic, the Trunk Line, the South Western Bureau, and the Trans-Continental Passenger Association for a concession in rate of fare; namely, full fare going and one-third fare returning by the same route, on consideration that a certificate be presented showing the payment of full fare going to Lincoln, Neb., and that at least one hundred such certificates should be presented to me at once, in order to be viewed by Special Railroad Agent, who was present on Monday, Oct. 15, 1906, for that purpose. Eleven dollars was advanced by me to the Western Passenger Association to guarantee the expenses of the agent, which was refunded to the Society because one hundred certificates were presented and validated.

By the requirement of the Railway Association, each person who received a validated certificate paid to the Western Passenger Special Agent the sum of twenty-five cents. The agent delivered the certificates on Monday afternoon, Oct. 15, 1906, after he had properly *visaed* them, to each person who is entitled to one. (Mrs.) W. M. Ampt, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

Believing the year 1905-1906 to have been the most wonderful in the history of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our beloved church not alone in the amount of money placed in our Treasury for our Silver Offering and all our work together with special gifts, but because it has been such a wonderful year in spiritual uplift to all our loyal women, we bring our tribute of praise to our King and "Crown Him Lord of all."

We thank God that our National Officers have been spared to lead us to victories hitherto unknown.

We thank God that though here and there some of our sisters have been glorified by the Home going that even this sorrow has been but an added incentive to us who remain, to greater consecration to the cause of Christ as represented by our Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We thank Him for the heroism of our sisters on the Western Coast who in the midst of earthquake and fire heard God say: "Be still and know that I am God"—and listened and then bravely took up the cause for the love of Christ.

WHEREAS, We have thus been blessed and have known the unconsciousness of divine guidance; therefore be it

Resolved, That we covenant anew to give ourselves to the payment of the yet unpaid portion of our Silver Offering, and that we will press on to the end until all our Auxiliaries have met the $2.50 per member, and the debt is cancelled.

Resolved, That while putting forth every effort toward this end we will see to it that our legitimate current expenses in all part of the work are fully met.

WHEREAS, Only one in seventeen Methodist women are members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Resolved, That we will make strenuous efforts to enlist the other sixteen in our ranks, and to interest the men of the church to become honorary members of this organization.

Recognizing with pleasure the increasing interest among the boys and girls of our churches in Junior Leagues as well as in Home Guards and Mother's Jewels, in the work of this Society,

Resolved, That we cordially indorse the plans by which the children are not only led to raise money for our work, but are trained in the methods of working that are adapted by the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

In view of the needs of more widespread information among the women of Methodism, concerning our work:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves as individuals to more faithful efforts to bring the circulation of *Woman's Home Missions* up to 30 000 during this fiscal year. Also that we make equal efforts to increase the circulation of *Children's Home Missions* to at least 20,000 with larger things in view for the future.

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the action of the Board of Managers in appointing a Standing Committee on Temperance, and earnestly request the loyal co-operation of the National and Conference Organizers and Conference Secretaries, in promoting this new department.

WHEREAS, Sabbath desecration is a growing evil.

Resolved, That we, as members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who have the best interests of our country at heart, use our utmost influence to lessen this evil.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the efforts of the Anti-Child-labor League and kindred societies which are endeavoring to lessen the burdens of two and a half millions of children in the United States under sixteen years of age, who are often compelled to labor eighteen hours per day in injurious surroundings and health-destroying trades. The appalling facts being constantly recalled regarding the slavery of childhood to the God of Mammon, compelling the child to provide its own or its parents support, reveals a condition which reverses the laws of Nature and of Nature's God. Children of tender years are eagerly sought by manufacturers because they secure from the quick, pliable

fingers of even the youngest, who are soon trained, a deftness which would cost more money from an older hand. Thus between the upper and nether millstone, the greedy Capitalist and the rapacious parent, the youth of America is being dwarfed before it can be reached by any enlightening influences, and degraded beyond any hope of proper growth in body or mind.

A legislation increasing educational requirements—a shortening of hours permitted for child labor, and other helpful measures are designed by this Society, and should be aided by every member in active work, and earnest prayer to the Heavenly Father for the child slaves of America.

UTAH.

WHEREAS, We believe we voice the sentiment of an aroused nation when we express great disappointment that the decision regarding the unseating of Apostle Smoot from the highest law-making body of our nation, has been so unnecessarily delayed; and, WHEREAS, our firm faith in God is not shaken or our belief that right will prevail; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our influence and untiring effort to the unseating of Apostle Reed Smoot, and for the submission to a vote, of the States, of an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the practice of polygamy.

2. We strongly urge every Auxiliary to interest all Senators and Representatives, from their respective States, especially those just elected, in these great questions.

3. As the final decision upon the unseating of Apostle Smoot is set for December 3, 1906, we earnestly recommend that Sunday, December 2, be observed by our Auxiliaries as a day of prayer; that Congress may do its duty as in the sight of God—acting for the honor and purity of our nation, its womanhood and its homes.

WHEREAS, A large number of Chinese merchants bring plural wives to the United States, and, WHEREAS, it is a frequent occurrence for these merchants to take two or more wives after arriving in this country; therefore,

Resolved, That we memoralize our Government to inform all such persons on entering our ports that such practices are in direct violation of the laws of our land, and that the full penalty of the law will be imposed unless such practices are abandoned.

Resolved, That we thank the good people of York, Neb., for their cordial invitation to visit their beautiful little city and the local committee of arrangements for their generous hospitality which made Saturday, October 13, a day of privilege to women from all parts of the land. The words of kindly greeting by the Mayor of York, the fraternal spirit of the President of the Commercial Club and the cordial words of the pastor of our Methodist Church were heartily appreciated.

Resolved, That we most heartily appreciate the privilege of visiting the Mothers' Jewels Home, one of our loved institutions, and more than ever thank God for it. While we missed the sweet presence of dear Mrs. Spurlock, that we greatly appreciated the words of welcome given us by Judge Spurlock in the name of his honored father and mother and the courtesy of all assistants in the Home.

Resolved, Also, that in the translation of our beloved sister, Mrs. Isabella A. Spurlock, the Woman's Home Missionary Society has lost an able leader, a tireless worker and a devoted friend. During many long years of faithful, efficient service, her very life was poured out in loving, unselfish devotion to the interests of our Mothers' Jewels Home.

May it ever stand in increasing power for good as a memorial to her honored name.

WHEREAS, After a quarter century of service in the Woman's Home Missionary Society we thank God for the past and turn our faces hopefully toward the Golden Anniversary, believing that the word of our Commander is that "we press toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus"—our land redeemed to him; therefore be it

Resolved, That to all who have aided in these years of the first quarter century of our history to make our annual meetings, helpful, successful and comfortable, we tender our grateful thanks, and to those who, in Lincoln, have made our first meeting of the second quarter century the most successful in every way in our history.

Resolved, That we hereby extend to the Governor of this State, not only our thanks for his gracious words of welcome, but for his interest manifested in our cause by his frequent visits to our Convention; to the Mayor of the city of Lincoln for his cordial words of greeting; to the pastor of St. Paul Church for his untiring attention and interest in the work of our Society, as well as his cordial address of welcome; to the Trustees of St. Paul Church and to all Methodist Churches which have in any way contributed to our comfort and pleasure; to the Commercial Club of Lincoln; to friends, who have so kindly opened their homes for our entertainment, and to the women of all the churches who have served each day such bountiful dinners and suppers for our Convention; to Governor and Mrs. J. H. Mickey, for the beautiful reception tendered our body at the Executive Mansion of the State of Nebraska; to friends, for the use of flags and decorations of the beautiful auditorium; to the Telephone Company for use of 'phones.; to Mrs. Inman, for her patient and faithful services at the telephone during the Convention, whereby she was prevented from enjoying attendance upon any of the sessions of the Convention; to Mrs. Alice B. O'Mahony, organist and chairman of Music Committee, and to all who have rendered solos and to the choirs that have added so much to our evening and Sabbath services; to the railroads, for customary Convention rates; to the following chairmen of committees: Mrs. S. E. Miller, Committee on Arrangements; Mrs. J. A. Piper, Committee on Refreshments; Mrs. Leslie Stevens, Committee on Entertainment; also to the Committee on Flowers; to the city press for daily reports in local papers, especially to the *Nebraska State Journal,* which provided a reporter in constant attendance.

Long shall we remember our stay in the beautiful city of Lincoln, and we leave it with earnest prayer in our hearts that in all things temporal, spiritual, its citizens may be abundantly blest and that in our great West it may be a beacon-light of civic righteousness.

(MRS.) MARY LEONARD WOODRUFF, *Chairman.*
MRS. C. B. SPENCER,
MRS. CHARLES W. GALLAGHER,
MRS. LEVI MASTER,
MRS. C. H. BAIRD,

ORGANIZATION.

(MRS. M. E. ROBERTS, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

I HAVE been in the field only about five months this year. The most of my work has been done in the Des Moines, Northern Minnesota and North Dakota Conferences.

It was a pleasure to work under the direction of Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Newlove and Mrs. Heidel. They were diligent and faithful in preparing my itineraries. To them and the faithful ministers, who kindly welcomed me to their churches, belongs the credit of what was accomplished. I am grateful to them and the many kind people who so generously cared for me.

Week night meetings, small churches and lack of proper advertising made it impossible to do much in many places. I asked God to help me and did *my best.* I submit, with *regret* the following report:

Addresses and talks, 200; Number of miles traveled, 6,917; Conferences visited, 4; District Conferences attended and addressed, 3; Ministerial Meetings attended and addressed, 1; Young Women's Christian Associations addressed, 1; History of Deaconesses to Aid Society, 1; Evangelistic services, 10; W. C. T. U. Convention, 1; Churches visited having no Auxiliaries, 56; Churches visited having Auxiliaries, 39; Number of members secured, 535; Number of Auxiliaries formed, 27; Number of Queen Esther Circles, 12; Number of Queen Esther members secured, 138; Home Guards, 2; Number of members secured, 25; Mite-boxes given, 254; Jewels Boxes given, 538; Subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions,* 116; Subscribers for *Children's Home Missions,* 127; Collections taken, $372.12.

(MRS. N. W. BASS, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

With devout gratitude to God, for His wondrous love and care, I present to this Convention my sixth annual report. Two and one-half months of the year were taken for vacation. During the nine and one-half months of service, the six New England Conferences were visited; also Newark, Northwest Indiana, Erie, and North Nebraska. In each of these Conferences, I found a growing interest in our work. Many doors were opened which have hitheto been closed both to the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and to those who have represented the work. A keener sense of obligation and responsibility with reference to the evangelization of the millions at our door, is coming more generally upon both pastors and people, and many have responded not only willingly, but *gladly*, to the call of the Master for service, in the Home-field. I record with pleasure my delightful sojourn in the Newark, Jersey City, and Portland Deaconess Homes. They were real "Havens of rest" to the weary body, and sources of spiritual uplift to the burdened heart. Much of the success of the year's work has been due to the help I have received from the Presiding Elders, and Pastors, of the several Conferences, and to them I desire to express my heart-felt gratitude—for the work's sake.

Number of miles traveled, 14,000; Conferences visited, 10; Conferences addressed (Ministerial), 7; Annual Conference Conventions (W. H. M. S.), 3; Ministerial Associations, 4; District Meetings (W. H. M. S.), 18; All Day Meetings (W. H. M. S.), 3; Missionary Conventions, 4; Formal addresses given, 224; Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues and Parlor talks, 90; Personal calls, 250; Leaflets distributed, 4,000; Copies of Under Our Flag given out, 25; Subscribers *Woman's Home Missions,* 256; Subscribers *Children's Home Missions,* 25; Mite boxes given out, 250; Districts organized, 2; Auxiliaries visited for Thank-offering, Silver Offering and new members, 80; Churches having no Auxiliaries, 53; Auxiliaries organized, 46; Young Women's Circles, 7; Auxiliary members secured, 2,170; Circle Members secured, 113; Band members secured, 25.

(NELLIE H. SNIDER, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

Number of miles traveled, 14,592; Addresses made, 340; Auxiliaries visited, 123; Churches having no Auxiliaries, 48; Auxiliaries organized, 11; Members secured, 465; Circles visited, 17; Circles organized, 5; Circle members, 75; Home Guards organized, 1; Members in same, 10; Jewels Bands, 1; Number members, 6; Conventions attended, 34; Ministerial Meetings, 7; Annual Conferences, 2; Assembles, 1; Camp-meetings, 1; Sunday-schools, 13; Junior Leagues, 7; Epworth Leagues, 16; Colleges and schools, 3; W. C. T. U., 2; Y. W. C. A., 1; Day of Prayer, 1; Thank-offering addresses, 14; Subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 89; Subscribers to *Children's Home Missions*, 51; National Meetings, 1; Conventions of General Missionary Society, 2.

I have worked in different Conferences, devoting my time largely to raising the Silver Offering.

I have found an ever-increasing interest in our work and a corresponding effort to meet its needs.

"In journeyings often" in the midst of care and toil I have proved anew that they who walk with the Master "can never have a solitary way."

For unnumbered courtesies and unmeasured kindness from pastors and people, I record my grateful thanks. May the New Year bring greater victories in the name of our Christ.

(MRS. M. LIBBY ALLEN, GENERAL ORGANIZER.)

MY work the past year has been wrought in eight Conferences. Des Moines, West Wisconsin, Wisconsin, North Indiana, Minnesota, East Ohio, Iowa and Indiana. Have traveled over 10,000 miles; made two hundred and fifty public addresses. Have attended twenty District Conferences, speaking from three to five times at each; made the Anniversary Address at three Annual Conferences. On Sabbath I have spoken from three to five times. In the Iowa Conference alone I spoke eighty-seven times. I have traveled in winter's cold and summer's heat, sleeping in a strange bed almost every night. Sometimes I have had dainty rooms fit for a king, then I have had the dollar a day hotel with God's pure air from funnel with sausage, cabbage and tobacco. I have had hot meals, cold meals and sometimes no meals at all. I have traveled in storm and sunshine. Sometimes the physical was nearly exhausted. But you ask, "Were you not discouraged?" Not one moment.

It has been a year of untold victory. My faith claimed much and God has given more.

I have organized Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels. I have spoken in Sunday-schools, Epworth and Junior Leagues and Conventions of all kinds. My chief work has been in raising the Silver Offering and building up weak Auxiliaries.

Men, women and children have given generously to the Silver Offering. One man at Muncie, Ind., had only a ten dollar bill in his pocket, which he intended to have changed and give something. He whispered to his wife, saying: "Shall I give her all this." She replied: "Give just what you like." The second time he asked the question. Again she replied, "Give just what you want to." The third time he bowed his head low and said: "Wife, doesn't that look small." She replied: "Yes; it does." He drew from his pocket a check-book and wrote $25.00. Thus God has been raising us up friends.

There has been a continuous song of praise and thanksgiving in my heart that God has allowed me to help Christ redeem this world. My

love for the work has steadily grown until I have come to think that Home Missions is the greatest work before the entire church.

(MISS JOSEPHINE CORBIN AND MARY A. MAHON, GENERAL ORGANIZERS.)

THE way of service has led us into thirteen Conferences. We have diligently worked to strengthen every line of Home Missionary enterprise, but have made the Silver Offering our specialty.

In splendidly organized churches, and upon the frontier, we have found an open door.

Miles traveled, 15,000; Conference Anniversary addresses, 3; District Conventions, 11; District Young People's Conferences, 2; Districts organized, 1; Interdenominational Missionary Convention, 1; District Preacher's Meetings, 6; Camp meetings, 7; Sabbath-schools addressed, 15; Epworth Leagues addressed, 11; Scholarships, 3; Auxiliaries organized, 20; Total Auxiliary members, 637; Queen Esther Circles organized, 14; Total Queen Esther members, 319; Jewel Bands organized, 3; Subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 140; Subscribers to *Children's Home Missions*, 60; Collection, $352.73; Silver Offering, $627.12.

(MRS. MAY CUMISKY BLISS, RESERVE ORGANIZER.)

I HAVE the pleasure to report that it has been my privilege to address the following Conferences: Marquette District, Minnesota; Saginaw District. Have organized eleven Auxiliaries, one Queen Esther Circle. Have secured 176 new members, 35 subscribers to *Home Missions*, placed 260 mite-boxes, held 19 public services, 24 parlor meetings, and spent fifty days in work.

(MRS. ANNA ONSTOTT, RESERVE ORGANIZER.)

HAVE traveled nearly 3,000 miles, attended two Annual Conferences, three District meetings (re-organized two). Visited ten Auxiliaries, four Queen Esther Circles. Distributed over 3,000 leaflets. Secured subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions*, and published the *Maine Deaconess*. Assisted in incorporating the Maine Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society and in purchasing a new Deaconess Home in Portland, Me., and have raised nearly $1,000 for the same.

Although busy with church and family cares, am glad to do what I can in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, whenever and wherever I can, as an "Euxine Christian."

(MRS. DELLA C. GEGGIE, RESERVE ORGANIZER.)

MY work the past year has been in four Conferences, North Minnesota, Rock River, Northwest Iowa, and Upper Iowa. I have addressed one State Epworth League Convention, one Woman's Home Missionary Society State Convention, and three Woman's Home Missionary Society District Conventions. With the exception of the Epworth League Convention, my theme at all meetings has been the Silver Offering. This seemed to be the burden I had been called to help lift. The Father has blessed our united effort. The Silver Offering roll-call shows that fear and discouragement have given place to rejoicing. I have made 122 addresses, secured 416 members; subscriptions for *Woman's Home Missions*, 29; *Children's Home Missions*, 156; miles traveled, 5,000; not as many as in previous years, but representing the most strenuous work I have ever done for the Society.

MITE-BOXES.

The following orders were filled:

KIND.	NUMBER.
Mite-barrels	975
Mite-jugs	459
Mite-beehives	15,700
Folding Mite-boxes (adult)	34,169
Queen Esther Mite-boxes	1,400
Jewel Mite boxes	32,816
Total	84,319

CASH ACCOUNT.

Received by me in cash	$22 50
Received by me in postage stamps	6 95
Received by me from Treasurer for expenses	15 16
Total	$44 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson	$29 45
Paid expenses, postage, expressage, etc.	15 16
Total	$44 61

AMOUNT OF THE MITE-BOX COLLECTIONS.

CONFERENCES.	AMOUNTS.	CONFERENCES.	AMOUNTS.
Northwest Indiana	$432 39	Indiana	$116 70
Maine	130 00	North Indiana	1,057 12
New Hampshire	44 00	Philadelphia	617 96
Vermont	109 00	Pittsburg	638 28
New England	421 95	Upper Iowa	408 90
New England (Southern)	280 14	Rock River	400 00
Baltimore	542 29	Southwest Kansas	400 65
Central New York	338 06	California	136 68
Colorado	142 80	Kentucky	48 98
Cincinnati	884 10	Lexington	12 21
Central Pennsylvania	409 96	Illinois	265 65
Southern California	300 44	Northwest Iowa	224 89
Erie	392 27	Nebraska	106 17
Adeline Smith Home	35 00	North Nebraska	166 01
Genesee	400 59	Puget Sound	270 80
Troy	190 68	North Dakota	32 57
Newark	485 09	Portland (Oregon)	47 32
New Jersey	172 28	Indiana (Pennsylvania)	30 00
Wilmington	140 90	East Ohio	649 54
New York	451 53	Central Ohio	259 88
New York (East)	365 00	North Ohio	189 34
Detroit	1,138 36	Ohio	634 63
Michigan	374 98	West Texas	10 00
Minnesota	89 49	Home Guards	4 50
Northern Minnesota	147 27	Jewel	96 69
Wisconsin	52 12		
Des Moines	147 36	Total	$16,187 59
West Virginia	30 00		

SUMMARY.

The Banner Conference is Detroit	$1,138 36
North Indiana Conference had	1,057 12
The Banner Member is Mrs. John T. Grape, Madison Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md., in one box	50 00
In Philadelphia Conference one box contained	27 00
In Detroit Conference, largest amount in one box	12 13
In Market Street Auxiliary, Newark, N. J., one box contained	12 15
In Paterson, N. J., one box contained	11 25
In Cincinnati Conference, one box contained	6 95
In Maine Conference, Mrs. Onstott raised and paid $25 in box by selling balsam pillows	25 00
In Northern New York Conference, one box contained	5 00
In Puget Sound Conference, one box contained	5 13
Margaret Hazelton, of Old Orchard, Maine Conference, had in one Jewel box	1 35

Thousands of dollars have been collected in Jewel Mite-boxes, and in Circles, but no reports have been received by me.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

THE DAY OF PRAYER.

The service of the Day of Prayer is a benediction to all who participate in it, and will prove an inspiration to every department of our work. It will help to bring us into right relations to God, and his work, so he can use us to the best possible purpose. We will come to see as God sees, and to do his will with gladness.

Applied Christianity is the only hope of the world. Philosophy, literature, culture, education, are impotent to save from sin. God only, can do this. The great equipment for every life, is to have such fellowship with God as to be able to live above environment, and to meet the clouds and storms, and temptations, that come to every life, in the spirit of the 91st Psalm. Man, with God, is master of all conditions.

There may be honest difference of opinion as to whether the world is growing better or worse, but of this we are all sure, that iniquity prevails everywhere and Christians must unite in the great struggle against unrighteousness. They must stand for the defense of the home, the Sabbath, the church and the State, against the attacks of infidelity, communism and anarchy.

The practical application of the principles of Christianity is the only possible solution of the difficulties between labor and capital. Then the strong will not oppress the weak, nor the poor hate the rich, but the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man, will be living, controlling truths accepted by both. God and the church are the working men's best friends, and will save them from influences that will wreck their lives and their homes, while the rich, as much, need saving faith in God to preserve them from the perils of wealth and luxury.

It is encouraging to find so many distinguished statesmen pleading for personal righteousness as the only thing that can overcome social, business and political corruption.

Our country needs women's help on all great moral reforms, and though not voters they must feel the responsibility of Christian citizenship. Mormonism and the army Canteen, have received their hardest blows through woman's influence.

Man will rapidly degenerate, without the Sabbath for rest and spiritual culture. It must not be changed from a holy day, to a holiday, or a working day.

By day and by night the cry of misery and despair is heard everywhere because of the saloon. It follows our flag to debase still more the people who have recently come to us. Poverty, anarchy, sin, sorrow and death are its natural fruits.

In the public schools almost everything is being taught but morality and religion; as a result, the public conscience is becoming depraved and corruption in government, business, and social life, is on the increase. From the majority of homes religion is an outcast, and it is charged that the child life of our cities is becoming pagan. If the church of God is defeated in our cities it is practically defeated everywhere.

Dakota is now preparing a text-book on ethics, to be taught in its public schools. Portions of the Bible that teach the best lessons in right living and thinking are to be compiled by representatives of different denominations, and will be taught in the schools. Such teaching is needed in all the States.

The social evil, with its destruction of body and soul, gambling and criminal divorces, are among the evils to be met and mastered by power divine.

Where possible, Union services are desirable on the Day of Prayer, and it is hoped the day will be observed in some simple way in all our schools and homes. We will all meet at one common mercy seat, and God will hear and answer according to our faith.

(MRS.) MARY C. HICKMAN, *Chairman.*

INSURANCE.

PREMIUMS paid from August 1, 1905, to July 31, 1906 (inclusive) on Insurance and amounts of policies for which such premiums are paid:

	AMOUNTS.	PREMIUMS.
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home	$2,000 00	$50 00
Camden, S. C.—Browning Industrial School	2,000 00	40 00
York County, Neb.—Mothers' Jewels Home	1,200 00	24 00
Little Rock, Ark.—Adeline Smith Industrial Home.	1,500 00	33 75
Near East Jacksonville, Fla., Faith Cottage	1,000 00	40 00
Clarkson, Miss.—Woodland Academy	1,000 00	25 00
Cincinnati, O.—Glenn Home	1,500 00	33 20
Tivoli, N. Y.—Watts De Peyster Home	15,000 00	300 00
Albuquerque, N. M.—Harwood Industrial Home	1,000 00	30 00
Jacksonville, Fla.—Boylan Home	4,200 00	81 00
Salt Lake City, Utah	7,300 00	48 40
Provo, Utah.—East Ohio Home	1,300 00	37 50
Morristown, Tenn.—New Jersey Home	4,000 00	116 00
Sand Fly Station, Ga.	2,000 00	60 00
Elsinor, Utah	1,500 00	37 50
Mt. Pleasant, Utah.—Thompson Home	300 00	7 50
Logan, Utah	3,000 00	90 00
Cincinnati, Ohio, 222 W. 4th Street; New York Office, 150 Fifth Avenue	1,000 00	17 30
Boaz, Ala.	4,810 00	142 30
Farmington, N. M.—Navajo Mission	3,750 00	112 50

Spring City, Utah.—Leech Home	400 00	10 00
Moroni, Utah.—Gurley Home	500 00	12 50
Total		$1,348 45

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31, 1906.
Magly & Mayer, Agents.

MRS. GEORGE H. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

MRS. ADELIA E. CLOUGH, late of Denver, Colo., after various bequests, gives the residue of her estate to our Society, the income therefrom to be used for the maintenance of children (those from the city Denver or Colorado Conference preferred) at Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb.

By the will of Mr. J. C. Sheldon, of Urbana, Ill., our Society receives a farm of 160 acres of land. as an endowment for Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage.

Mrs. Ebenette Farwell, of Evanston, Ill., bequeathes to us $1,000, as endowment for a scholarship in Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga.

By the will of Miss Anna Biggs, late of Findlay, Ohio, we receive $200.

Mr. Augustus Lathrop Gilbert, late of North Cohocton, N. Y., bequeathes to our Society one-sixth of the residue of his estate.

Should there be a residue from the estate of the late Wm. S. Calkins, of Lansing, Mich., our Society will be the recipient of $500 therefrom.

By the will of the late Mrs. Jane Ferry, of Jamestown, N. Y., the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is to receive, subject to the life estate of her two sisters, Mary Siggins and Sabina E. Parker, a house and lot in Jamestown, located at No. 30 Foots Avenue.

The will further states as follows: "I further desire and request that if practicable and deemed wise, and for the best good of said Society that the said premises be used as a home, and that it be known as the "Siggins-Ferry Missionary Home."

"I further request that a framed photograph of the testatrix now hanging in the home shall so remain as long as the home remains in the possession of the Society."

Mrs. Fanny Murray, of Lancaster, Kan., by her will conveyed to Horace N. Jackson, trustee, three lots located in California which are to be sold and one-half the proceeds given to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Kansas Conference.

Col. R. S. Eggleston, late of Atlanta, Ga., has bequeathed to our Society one-fourth of the residue of his estate. The value of said estate is estimated at $40,000.

Mr. Levi Tippin, of Manhattan, Kan., bequeathed to our Society a property which has been sold for $800. We have received from this bequest cash $236.25, and the balance in three notes, payable in one, two and three years from Oct. 2, 1905, interest at 6 per cent.

Mrs. Adella Tinglev of Providence, R. I., bequeathed $5,000 as an endowment. the annual interest thereof to be divided equally between Boylan Industrial Home, Jacksonville, Fla., and Browning Industrial Home, Camden, N. C. This amount has been paid into the General Treasury and appears under the head of endowments in the Treasurer's report.

BEQUESTS PAID DURING YEAR 1905-1906.

Miss Maria S. Phillips, Ionia, Mich.	$1,102 52
Mrs. Sarah Mather, Athol, Mass.	685 91
Mrs. Leah J. Locke, Crete, Neb.	100 00
Mrs. Levi Tippin, Manhattan, Kan.	236 25
Mr. Menasseh Arnold, Clarion, Pa.	71 42
Mrs. Alice Chipman, Petoskey, Mich.	500 00
Rev. Abner Howard, St. Johnsbury, Vt.	95 00
Mr. Perley M. Ladd, Aitkin, Minn.	200 00
Mrs. Nancy Lawrence, Watseka, Ill.	10,000 00
Mrs. C. Dickerman, Brooklyn, N. Y.	286 89
Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Dayton, Ohio.	360 20
Total	$13,658 19

MRS. RICHARD DYMOND, *Chairman.*

BY-LAWS.

PAGE 301, Section 1, Article VII—Insert after Standing Committees named: "Literature and Temperance."

Page 304, Section 2, Article XXIV—Insert after "Reading Circle": "shall co-operate with the Secretary of Literature in the supervision and preparation," etc.

Page 306, Section 5, Article I—Strike out "Leaflets" and substitute "Literature." Strike out "appointed by the Board of Trustees." Insert the following: "consisting of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Society, the editor of *Woman's Home Missions,* the Editor of Publications and the Secretary of Literature."

Article II. This committee shall secure and furnish information relating to the various Bureaus and mission fields in the form of Books, Booklets and Leaflets, upon application send such information out for use in Conference, District and Auxiliary meetings, as will aid in the dissemination of Home Missionary intelligence. All leaflets, booklets, etc., bearing the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the bills for printing which are to be paid from the treasury, shall receive the approval of the Committee on Literature before being put to press.

Article II, becomes Article III.

Page 308, Article VIII—Strike out "Leaflets" and substitute "Literature."

Page 308, Article III—In Order of Business make "No. 8. Report of Secretaries of Departments, No. 9. Report of Committees, 10. Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business, 11. Election of Officers."

Page 309, Article VIII—Change Young Woman's to "Young People's," in both places where it occurs in the Article.

Page 309, Article XI—Insert after "Secretary of Home Missionary Reading Circle," "Secretaries of Systematic Beneficence, Literature and Temperance."

Page 311. By-Laws for Auxiliaries. Article VI—Strike out "Librarian," substitute "Secretary of Literature." Strike out clause relating to "rentals." Substitute for the remaining part of the paragraph the following:

"She shall keep a file of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions*, and the Annual Reports for reference; take and forward orders for the same. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the Auxiliary."

Page 313. Constitution for Home Guards. Article IV, add:
"The payment of $2.50 shall constitute a life-membership."

Page 313, Article VI—Change "it" to "they."

Page 313, Article VII—Change to read:
"May become a part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing to its work in its various fields, and all work done by them shall be under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money and vouchers must be sent through their Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer."

Is it the sense of this Convention that there is need of a Constitution and By-Laws for Mothers' Jewels?

SUGGESTED CONSTITUTION FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Mothers' Jewels of ——— Church.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society is to help other children by working with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III. Any boy or girl may join this Society, by paying dues of ten cents a year.

ARTICLE IV. The Society shall be under the charge of an adult Leader, and its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V. The members of the Society shall raise money under the direction of their Leader (in addition to paying the dues), to help take care of children in the various Homes of our Society.

BY-LAWS.

1. The time and place of meetings and the programs for the same shall be under the direction of the Leader.

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

Twenty-seven Conferences have elected temperance secretaries. These have reported to me the appointment of two State, twenty-seven District and one hundred and eighty-three Auxiliary temperance secretaries. Nine in Homes and schools of our Society. Ten in Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools that have written requesting our literature. Aggregating two hundred and fifty-six societies that are assisting in distributing our leaflets. Sending out during the year about 800,000 pages at an expense of about

$450. Five subscription copies each of the Youth's Temperance Banner to thirty of our Homes and schools.

The handing out of tracts is not all that we have aspired to do. Our policy, if we have one, is the "Do Everything" method, until later we may develop some distinctively Home Missionary Society temperance work. Many are doing really excellent work. Conservative New England Conference leads in organization this year, having secured the appointment of twenty-nine. Baltimore Conference, second, with twenty-three. Pittsburg Conference, having been several years work in these lines, has forty. (Several have eighteen.) Little Rock Conference reports eighteen. Forty-three public meetings have been held: lectures, sermons and temperance prayer-meetings.

At the election last month every saloon was voted out of the county for the first time in that county's history. Who can say in these closely-contested elections that the efforts of the Home Missionary Society women were not the deciding influence?

Another brave woman, Kentucky Conference Temperance Secretary, went on horseback over the mountains to a lumber camp, where she held a medal contest, a mothers' meeting, a Gospel temperance meeting, addressed the Sunday-school and everywhere gave out our leaflets to people eager to read them. She took red calico and made banners, pasting on them "Four Boys," "The Black Pyramid," "The Study in Faces," "The Bible or the Whisky Barrels—Which?" etc., and then tacked these banners up in the reading-room. A man told her the next day that he had read every word on these banners.

Many have placed the leaflet—with mucilage back—"A New Arithmetics," in the covers of library books, where they frequently catch the eye of the boy, and, alas, we need to add, of the girl, also; for the girls, too, are learning to use the cigarette.

We have co-operated with the temperance committees in the Sunday-schools. We find some schools that do not yet have a temperance committee in the effort to secure better teaching of the Quarterly temperance lesson and in the distribution of our literature. Some of the secretaries addressing different schools on the same day. One woman told me of dividing the leaflets we provided in six schools. I trust she will receive in future a more generous supply.

The temperance lobbyists at Washington have credited this department with a share of the increased petitions that reached our Representatives in Congress. We sent out 200 each on the various reform measures that were pending:

The Hepburn-Dolliver bill—now the Littlefield bill, to prevent violation of prohibitory law by inter-state commerce fallacies.

The McCumber-Tirrell bill, to suppress liquor selling in all Government buildings, ships and parks. For the preservation of the Anti-Canteen Law. For the exclusion of Smoot from the Senate. For continued prohibition for Indians in the new State of Oklahoma.

For Sunday closing of the Jamestown Centennial Exposition.

To President Roosevelt, with reference to a universal treaty of nations, to forbid the sale of all intoxicants and opium to savage races in all parts of the world.

The scientific temperance instruction in our public schools has been promoted by our influence.

Some few Medal Contests have been held. Many write: "We are only getting organized. Another year we will do more efficient, practical work."

(MRS.) CAROLINE MCDOWELL, *Chairman.*

EDITOR OF ANNUAL REPORT.

THE supply of the Twenty-fourth Annual Report ordered published proved none too large. One or two of the larger Conference orders, which came in late, I was unable to fill; and had not a few of the Corresponding Secretaries ordered more than they needed we should have had none for Annual Meeting and none in the offices to meet the demand until the Twenty-fifth Annual Report is published.

In correspondence with the Secretaries, I find there were very few who did not distribute all that they ordered and some needed more. I recommend that the same number, 14,500, of the Twenty-fifth Annual Report be published this year, but that great care be taken by those who have the matter in charge in the various Conferences that no more be ordered than can be wisely distributed and used; and that all may be able to say as did one Secretary, "I had no Annual Reports left. You know our members make use of the Annual Report all through the year, and are always anxious to get it."

The amount paid into the Treasury from the sale of "Twenty Years' History" during the year ending August 1, was $82.80, making the entire *profit* to date $239.82.

Amount paid into Treasury from sale of Souvenir volume during year, $29.92.

The amount paid into the Treasury during the year, from sale of Memoirs, $13.30. (MISS) FRANCES A. FISH.

APPROPRIATIONS

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

For the Year Ending July 31, 1907.

Southern Work.

THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.		
Salary	$1,550 00	
Repairs (conditional)	200 00	
Support of deaconess	300 00	
City mission work (conditional)	500 00	
Painting (conditional)	300 00	
Student aid (conditional)	875 00	
Girls' trades building ($18,000), (conditional)		
		$3,725 00
Unconditional	$1,850 00	
Conditional	1,875 00	
HAVEN HOME AND SCHOOL, SAVANNAH, GA.		
Salary ($100 conditional)	$1,880 00	
Repairs, furnishing, and supplies (conditional)	500 00	
Student aid (conditional)	875 00	
		3,255 00
Unconditional	$1,780 00	
Conditional	1,475 00	
MARY HAVEN HOME, SPEEDWELL, GA.		
Salary	$450 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)	200 00	
Student aid (conditional)	162 50	
		812 50
Unconditional	$450 00	
Conditional	362 50	
BOYLAN HOME AND SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—		
Salary ($280 conditional)	$2,800 00	
Current expenses, furnishings and repairs (conditional)	800 00	
Student aid (conditional)	800 00	
		4,400 00
Unconditional	$2,520 00	
Conditional	1,880 00	
BREWSTER NURSE-TRAINING SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Salary ($72 conditional)	$720 00	
Repairs and improvements (conditional)	150 00	
Student aid (conditional)	250 00	
		1,120 00
Unconditional	$648 00	
Conditional	472 00	

SETTLEMENT WORK, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Salary ($48 conditional)		$480 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)		200 00	
Student aid (conditional)		150 00	
Building ($1,500 conditional)			
			$830 00
Unconditional	$432 00		
Conditional	398 00		
CHINESE AND SYRIAN WORK, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Conditional		$25 00	
			25 00
EMERSON HOME AND SCHOOL, OCALA, FLA.			
Salary ($296 conditional)		$1,160 00	
Current expenses and repairs		175 00	
Student aid (conditional)		400 00	
			1,735 00
Unconditional	$1,039 00		
Conditional	696 00		
ALLEN HOME AND SCHOOL, ASHEVILLE, N. C.			
Salary		$1,620 00	
Fuel, light, and water ($210 conditional)		500 00	
Current expenses, improvements, and repairs ($200 conditional)		500 00	
Building (conditional)		2,300 00	
Painting and plumbing ($150 conditional)		300 00	
Student aid (conditional)		600 00	
			5,820 00
Unconditional	$2,360 00		
Conditional	3,460 00		
MATTHEW SIMPSON SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE, ORANGEBURG, S. C.			
Salary		$945 00	
Janitor		100 00	
Fuel, light, and water ($136.50 conditional)		250 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)		250 00	
Student aid (conditional)		275 00	
			$1,820 00
Unconditional	$1,158 50		
Conditional	661 50		
BROWNING HOME AND SCHOOL, CAMDEN, S. C.—			
Salary		$1,960 00	
Fuel, light, water, and repairs (conditional)		500 00	
Student aid (conditional)		625 00	
Plantation work (conditional)		60 00	
Woodshed (conditional)		150 00	
			3,295 00
Unconditional	$1,960 00		
Conditional	1,335 00		
KENT HOME, GREENSBORO, N. C.			
Salary		$560 00	
Student aid (conditional)		450 00	
Domestic Science Teacher (conditional)		250 00	
			1,260 00
Unconditional	$560 00		
Conditional	700 00		

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE HOME, MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Salary ($23 conditional) $680 00
Painting (conditional) 175 00
Student aid (conditional) 400 00
$1,255 00

Unconditional $657 00
Conditional 598 00

ELIZABETH RITTER HOME, ATHENS, TENN.
Salary $625 00
Current expenses and repairs ($142.50 conditional) 170 00
Student aid (conditional) 1,250 00
Repairs (conditional) 1,500 00
3,545 00

Unconditional ..... $ 652 50
Conditional 2,892 50

E. L. RUST HOME, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.
Salary ($20 conditional) $650 00
Current expenses (conditional) 350 00
Student aid (conditional) 250 00
1,250 00

Unconditional $630 00
Conditional 620 00

BENNETT HOME, CLARKSON, MISS.
Salary ($25 conditional) $700 00
Current expenses (conditional) 500 00
Improvements on building ($200 conditional) 500 00
Student aid (conditional) 375 00
2,075 00

Unconditional ..... $ 975 00
Conditional 1,100 00

BENNETT ACADEMY, CLARKSON, MISS.
Salary ($155 conditional) $1,550 00
Current expenses (conditional) 200 00
1,750 00

Unconditional $1,395 00
Conditional 355 00

DICKSON HALL, CLARKSON, MISS.
Salary $315 00
Current expenses (conditional) 200 00
Building (conditional $300) 500 00
1,015 00

Unconditional $515 00
Conditional 500 00

ADELINE SMITH HOME, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
Salary $640 00
Current expenses and repairs ($574 conditional) 600 00
Student aid (conditional) 800 00
New building $1,500, (conditional) .....
2,040 00

Unconditional $666 00
Conditional 1,374 00

MISSION WORK, NEW ORLEANS, LA.			
English Mission—Salary		$360 00	
			$360 00
Unconditional	$360 00		
PECK SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND ART, NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA.			
Salary		$640 00	
Current expenses, and furnishing (250 conditional)		500 00	
Student aid (conditional)		50 00	
			1,190 00
Unconditional	$890 00		
Conditional	300 00		
KING HOME, MARSHALL, TEX.			
Salary ($28 conditional)		$1,240 00	
Current Expenses (conditional)		100 00	
Student aid (conditional)		500 00	
			1,840 00
Unconditional	$1,212 00		
Conditional	628 00		
ELIZA DEE HOME, AUSTIN, TEX.			
Salary		$640 00	
Student aid (conditional)		150 00	
			790 00
Unconditional	$640 00		
Conditional	150 00		
REBECCA MCCLESKY HOME, BOAZ, ALA.			
Salary ($304 conditional)		$880 00	
Current expenses ($350 conditional)		350 00	
Building fund (conditional)		1,200 00	
Furnishings (conditional)		600 00	
Student aid (conditional)		1,250 00	
			4,280 00
Unconditional	$576 00		
Conditional	3,704 00		
EBENEZER C. MITCHELL HOME AND SCHOOL, NORTH CAROLINA.			
Salary ($70 conditional)		$640 00	
Fuel and light ($50 conditional)		100 00	
Repairs and furnishing (conditional		100 00	
Student aid (conditional)		300 00	
			1,140 00
Unconditional	$620 00		
Conditional	520 00		
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NORTH CAROLINA ($50 conditional)		$400 00	
			400 00
Unconditional	$350 00		
Conditional	50 00		
HIGHLAND WORK, HOLSTON CONFERENCE		$300 00	
			300 00
Unconditional	$300 00		
Total for Southern Work, Unconditional		$25,186 00	
Conditional		26,131 50	

Utah.

ELSINORE, COLUMBUS HOME.—Salary		$780 00
EPHRAIM, PALMER HOME.—Missionary		300 00
LOGAN, PHILADELPHIA HOME—Missionary		300 00
MORONI, GURLEY HOME—Teacher and missionary		720 00
MT. PLEASANT, THOMSON MISSION		300 00
MURRAY—Salary and Current expenses		250 00
OGDEN—Salary		200 00
PROVO		300 00
SALT LAKE CITY, DAVIS DEACONESS HOME ($75 conditional)		1,225 00
SPRING CITY, LEECH HOME.—Teacher and missionary		720 00
Supplies for schools (conditional)		200 00
Incidentals (conditional)		200 00
(Of the above salary $300.00 is conditional.)		
		$5,495 00
Total for Utah, Unconditional	$4,720 00	
Conditional	775 00	

Spanish Work.

HARWOOD HOME, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.		
Salary	$1,620 00	
Building, heating, and plumbing (conditional)	2,000 00	
Furnishing (conditional)	300 00	
Current expenses ($476 conditional)	500 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,800 00	
		6,220 00
Unconditional	$1,644 00	
Conditional	4,576 00	
TUCSON, ARIZONA.		
Salary	$840 00	
Current expenses ($312 conditional)	600 00	
Student aid (conditional)	600 00	
Special ($5,000 conditional)		
		2,040 00
Unconditional	$1,128 00	
Conditional	912 00	
EL PASO, (if needed)	$300 00	
PORTO RICO, GEO. O. ROBINSON ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL HOME, SAN TURCE.		
Salary	$1,260 00	
Current expenses and furnishing (conditional)	550 00	
Rent	780 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,500 00	
Building fund (conditional)	5,000 00	
Furnishing (conditional)	2,500 00	
		11,590 00
Unconditional	$2,040 00	
Conditional	9,550 00	
MCKINLEY DAY-SCHOOL, SAN JUAN.		
Salary	$1,188 00	
Current expenses (conditional)	100 00	
Student aid (conditional)	750 00	
Native Teacher (conditional)	132 00	
		$2,170 00
Unconditional	$1,188 00	
Conditional	982 00	

FRANCES DEPAUW INDUSTRIAL HOME, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.		
Salary ($260 conditional)	$1,260 00	
Current expenses ($420 conditional)	500 00	
Student aid (conditional)	2,000 00	
		$3,760 00
Unconditional	$1,080 00	
Conditional	2,680 00	
Total for Spanish Work, Unconditional	$ 7,080 00	
Conditional	18,700 00	

Indian and Mexican Work.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA, DULCE.		
Salary	$880 00	
Current expenses ($200 conditional)	300 00	
Student aid (conditional)	300 00	
		1,480 00
Unconditional	$980 00	
Conditional	500 00	
NAVAJOES, FARMINGTON, N. M.		
Salary	$1,300 00	
Current expenses ($150 conditional)	300 00	
Irrigation	200 00	
Student aid (conditional)	400 00	
Laundry and Stable (conditional)	400 00	
		2,600 00
Unconditional	$1,650 00	
Conditional	950 00	
INDIAN AND FRONTIER, PONCA, OKLAHOMA.		
Salary	$480 00	
Repairs (conditional)	100 00	
PAWNEES.		
Salary	480 00	
Incidentals (conditional)	50 00	
Horse and Wagon (conditional)	125 00	
POTTAWATOMIES, KANSAS.		
Salary ($380 conditional)	680 00	
Current expenses ($25 conditional)	75 00	
UKIAH.		
Salary ($160 conditional)	200 00	
Incidentials (conditional)	75 00	
		2,265 00
Unconditional	$1,350 00	
Conditional	915 00	
STICKNEY HOME, LYNDEN, WASHINGTON.		
Salary ($108 conditional)	$1,080 00	
Current expenses (conditional)	600 00	
Repairs (conditional)	100 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,600 00	
		3,380 00
Unconditional	$972 00	
Conditional	2,408 00	
Total for Indian and Mexican Work,		
Unconditional	$4,952 00	
Conditional	4,873 00	

Alaska.

JESSE LEE HOME, UNALASKA.

Salary	$1,580 00	
Current expenses ($258 conditional)	550 00	
Student aid (conditional)	2,000 00	
Hospital (conditional)	500 00	
		$4,630 00
Unconditional	$1,872 00	
Conditional	2,758 00	

Sinuk Mission.

Salary	$ 240 00	
Current expenses (conditional)	500 00	
Building and site (conditional)	1,500 00	
Tools and materials for carpentry and carving ivory (conditional)	500 00	
		2,740 00
Unconditional	$ 240 00	
Conditional	2,500 00	

Immigrant Work.

NEW YORK.

Salary ($96 conditional)	$960 00	
Current expenses (conditional)	750 00	
Domestic (conditional)	230 00	
Rent	2,500 00	
		4,440 00
Unconditional	$3,364 00	
Conditional	1,076 00	

EAST BOSTON.

Salary ($100 conditional)	$1,036 00	
Fuel, light, and current expenses (conditional)	270 00	
Repairs (conditional)	300 00	
Rent (conditional)	500 00	
		2,106 00
Unconditional	$ 936 00	
Conditional	1,170 00	

PHILADELPHIA ($120 conditional) $300 00

300 00

Unconditional	$180 00
Conditional	120 00

Total for Immigrant Work,

Unconditional	$4,480 00
Conditional	2,366 00

Chinese Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Salary and current expenses ($500 conditional)	$2,800 00	
Building (conditional)	3,800 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,600 00	
Kindergarten (conditional)	300 00	
Los Angeles	300 00	
		8,800 00
Unconditional	$2,600 00	
Conditional	6,200 00	

Japanese and Korean Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,		
Salary and Current expenses ($400 conditional)	$2,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,500 00	
Los Angeles	300 00	
Building (conditional)	1,000 00	
		$4,800 00
Unconditional	$1,900 00	
Conditional	2,900 00	
HAWAII.		
Salary and Current expenses ($300 conditional)	$1,200 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,000 00	
Building (conditional)	3,800 00	
		6,000 00
Unconditional	$900 00	
Conditional	5,100 00	
ATTORNEY'S SERVICES, SAN FRANCISCO.	$50 00	
Unconditional		50 00
Total for Oriental Work,		
Unconditional	$5,450 00	
Conditional	14,200 00	

Children's Homes.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME, YORK, NEB.		
Salary ($300 conditional)	$2,816 00	
Current expenses and repairs ($1,000 conditional)	1,184 00	
Student aid (conditional)	3,000 00	
Building fund ($3,500 conditional)		
Endowment of bed (conditional)	200 00	
		7,200 00
Unconditional	$2,700 00	
Conditional	4,500 00	
WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME, TIVOLI, N. Y.		
Salary	$2,000 00	
Farmer	750 00	
Current expenses ($1,200 conditional)	1,900 00	
Student aid (conditional)	2,200 00	
		6,850 00
Unconditional	$3,450 00	
Conditional	3,400 00	
ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY HOME, HULTON, PA. (Post-office, Oakmont, Pa.)		
Salary and current expenses (if needed)	$2,000 00	
" " " " (conditional)	5,000 00	
		7,000 00
Unconditional (if needed)	$2,000 00	
Conditional	5,000 00	
CUNNINGHAM ORPHANAGE, URBANA, ILL.		
Salary and current expenses (conditional)	$2,400 00	
		2,400 00
Conditional	$2,400 00	
Total for Children's Homes,		
Unconditional	$6,150 00	
Conditional	15,300 00	

Training Schools for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING-SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.		
Salary	$3,240 00	
Current expenses ($940 conditional)	6,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	5,000 00	
		$14,240 00
Unconditional	$8,300 00	
Conditional	5,940 00	
SIBLEY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.—		
FISK TRAINING-SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, MO.		
Salary and current expenses ($1,000 conditional)	$3,200 00	
Student aid (conditional)	2,000 00	
		5,200 00
Unconditional	$2,200 00	
Conditional	3,000 00	
BIBLE TRAINING-SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.		
Salary	$2,000 00	
Repairs and current expenses ($2,400 conditional)	4,000 00	
Student aid (conditional)	1,000 00	
Debt	1,000 00	
		8,000 00
Unconditional	$4,600 00	
Conditional	3,400 00	
Total for Training Schools,		
Unconditional	$15,100 00	
Conditional	12,340 00	

Deaconess Work (conditional).

Aldrich Memorial Home, Grand Rapids, Mich.	$2,500 00
" " " " "	$3,000 00
Baltimore Home	8,000 00
Bidwell Home and Iowa Bible Training School, Des Moines, Iowa	3,000 00
Brooklyn Home, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5,300 00
Cleveland Home, Cleveland, Ohio	4,200 00
Colorado Conference Deaconess Home	3,000 00
Colorado Springs Sanitarium	7,800 00
Detroit Home, Detroit, Mich.	3,600 00
Earl Munson Deaconess Home, Toledo, Ohio	2,300 00
Genesee Conference Home, Buffalo, N. Y.	4,000 00
Griffin Deaconess Home, Albany, N. Y.	3,000 00
Holloway Home, Bridgeport, Ohio	1,600 00
Keokuk Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa	6,000 00
Knoxville Deaconess Home	400 00
Martinsburg, W. Va.	1,000 00
Mt. Carmel, Central Pennsylvania Conference	300 00
Newark Deaconess Home	2,000 00
New Haven, Conn., Deaconess Home	3,500 00
Jersey City Deaconess Home	2,000 00
Ohio Conference Deaconess Home, Columbus, Ohio	2,000 00
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	8,500 00
Pittsburg Deaconess Home,	3,000 00
Portland, Me., Deoconess Home	2,500 00

Shesler Home, Sioux City, Iowa	3,000 00	
Southern California Home, Los Angeles, Cal	4,500 00	
Southern Illinois, East St. Louis	400 00	
Southwest Kansas Home, Wichita, Kan	1,500 00	
St. Paul, Minn	1,000 00	
Washington Deaconess Home	4,000 00	
Total for Deaconess Homes		$93,900 00

Rest Homes for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

BANCROFT REST HOME, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.		
Salary and current expenses ($448 conditional)	$880 00	
Balance on property (conditional)	500 00	
		$1,380 00
THOMPSON REST HOME, MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, MD. (Conditional)		800 00
CAROLINE REST HOME, ROUND LAKE, N. Y. (Conditional)		200 00
WING REST HOME, HUNTINGTON PARK, CAL. (Conditional)		500 00
ELVIRA OLNEY REST HOME, LUDINGTON, MICH. (Conditional)		300 00
Total for Rest Homes		$3,180 00
Unconditional	$432 00	
Conditional	2,748 00	

City Mission Work.

ELIZABETH E. MARCY HOME, CHICAGO, ILL.		
Salary ($250 conditional)	$2,500 00	
Current expenses and repairs (conditional)	1,450 00	
Building ($10,000 conditional)		
		$3,950 00
ADA STREET MISSION, CHICAGO, ILL.—(Conditional)	$390 00	
		390 00
ITALIAN WORK, CHICAGO, ILL.—(Conditional)	$740 00	
		740 00
SOUTH CHICAGO—(Conditional)	325 00	
SPRING VALLEY—(Conditional)	300 00	
		625 00
ITALIAN WORK, UTICA, N. Y.—(Conditional)	500 00	
		500 00
GLENN HOME, CINCINNATI, OHIO.		
Salary and current expenses (conditional)	$6,000 00	
		6,000 00
HULL STREET SETTLEMENT, BOSTON, MASS.		
Current expenses (3,750 conditional)	$4,200 00	
		4,200 00
Total for City Work		$16,405 00
Unconditional	$2,700 00	
Conditional	13,705 00	

Conference Work (Conditional).

Central New York Conference	$650 00	
Erie Conference	100 00	
Michigan Conference	400 00	
New England Southern, Italian Work	100 00	
Northern Minnesota Conference (Finnish Work, $150)	450 00	
Oklahoma Conference	350 00	
Pittsburg Conference	1,000 00	
Southern California Conference	1,500 00	
Upper Iowa Conference	100 00	
Vermont Conference	150 00	
West Wisconsin	400 00	
		$5,200 00
Travel of missionaries to and from fields	$3,500 00	
Printing accounts (Reports, Leaflets, Blanks, Stationery, etc.)	3,500 00	
Organizers	5,500 00	
Secretaries, Corresponding, Field and Bureau	4,000 00	
Publisher and Editor Woman's and Children's Home Missions	1,600 00	
		$18,100 00

INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND TAXES.

Interest on Annuities, Endowments, and Notes	$9,000 00	
Insurance	1,500 00	
		$10,500 00

ADMINISTRATION.

Attorney's fee	$600 00	
Office expenses	6,500 00	
Incidentals	2,000 00	
		$9,100 00

Grand Total		$327,018 50
Unconditional		115,822 00
Conditional	Student aid	39,057 50
	Special fund	172,139 00

PLEDGES.

THAYER HOME.—*Salary:* Central Pennsylvania, $20; Cincinnati, $10; Genesee, $5; Illinois, $10; Minnesota, $20; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid: Kindergarten*—Central Illinois, $10; Cincinnati, $5; East Ohio, $10; Genesee, $15; Maine, $10; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Southern California, $30; Southern Illinois, $5; South Kansas, $10; Troy, $10; Upper Iowa, $20; Washington, $50; West Wisconsin, $10; Vermont, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $20; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $25; East Ohio, $40; Maine, $25; Minnesota, $20; Newark, $40; New England, $110; New England Southern, $50; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Kansas, $5; Northwest Iowa, $10; Philadelphia, $50; Pittsburg, $20; Puget Sound, $40; Rock River, $80; Vermont, $50; Wisconsin, $60; Wyoming, $25. *Repairs:* Des Moines, $20; Erie, $25; Philadelphia, $25; Vermont, $25; Wyoming, $15.

HAVEN HOME.—*Salary:* Philadelphia, $145. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $40; New England, $50; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Indiana, $20; Philadelphia, $210. *Special:* Des Moines, $20; Detroit, $25; New England, $10; Ohio, $25; Philadelphia, $50; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Washington, $10; Wyoming, $25.

MARY HAVEN HOME.—*Student Aid:* Minnesota, $40; North Nebraska, $40; Northern New York, $50; Philadelphia, $20. *Special:* Genesee, $5; Pittsburg, $10.

BOYLAN HOME.—*Salary:* California, $10; Central New York, $20; Cincinnati, $10; Indiana, $60; Upper Iowa, $25; Wisconsin, $5; Central Illinois, $20. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $10; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $40; Detroit, $25; East Ohio, $40; Genesee, $50; Illinois, $100; Michigan, $20; New England, $20; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $75; New Jersey, $40; New York, $20; North Ohio, $40; Northern New York, $11.75; Northwest Indiana, $25; Ohio, $50; Southern California, $10. *Repairs:* Contral Ohio, $25; Erie, $25; Genesee, $50; Indiana, $50; New England, $10; New York, East, $10; North Indiana, $320 (special Missionary salary); Pittsburg, $25; Wyoming, 25; North Dakota, $10. *Settlement: Current Expenses*—Indiana, $60; Michigan, $10; Puget Sound, $15; Rock River, $200. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $25; Indiana, $25; Maine, $40; New England, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Vermont, $25.

BREWSTER NURSE-TRAINING.—*Student Aid:* California, $10; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Mrs. F. A. Aiken, $5; Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $10; East Ohio, $50; Indiana, $25; Northwest Iowa, $10; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Expenses:* Central Ohio, $10; New England, $10; North Indiana, $50; Pittsburg, $25; Southern Illinois, $20; Troy, $10.

EMERSON HOME.—*Salary:* East Ohio, $250; Erie, $25; Illinois, $5; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $25; Indiana, $25; Troy, $25. *Student Aid:* Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $80; Maine, $40; New England Southern, $50; Northern Indiana, $50; Ohio, $50; Southern Illinois, $5.

ALLEN HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $10; Detroit, $50; Iowa, $25; New England Southern, $25; North Ohio, $15; Philadelphia, $10; Upper Iowa, $15. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $10; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $80; East Ohio, $40; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $50; Kentucky, $50; Kansas, $20; Nebraska, $40; Newark, $35; New England Southern, $15; North Dakota, $10; New Jersey, $5; Southwest

Kansas, $5; Wyoming, $15. *Building:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $100; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $200; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $20; Southwest Kansas, $5; Upper Iowa, $30.

SIMPSON HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $15; Des Moines $10; Detroit, $15; Erie, $25; Minnesota, $15; Ohio, $25; New England, $10; New England Southern, $15; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $10; Southern Illinois, $5; Troy, $10. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $10; Minnesota, $10; Philadelphia, $50; Upper Iowa, $25.

BROWNING HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Central New York, $10; Cincinnati, $25; Detroit, $10; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $10; Genesee, $10; New England Southern, $30; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $25; Colorado, $10; Erie, $40; Genesee, $40; New England, $40; New England Southern, $80; New Hampshire, $40; Northern Minnesota, $40; Washington, $10. *Plantation:* New England, $30; New England Southern, $25. *Building:* Philadelphia, $10; Rock River, $50.

KENT HOME.—*Salary:* Des Moines, $20; New Jersey, $10; Pittsburg, $10. *Student Aid:* Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $40; Newark, $40; New York, $20; New York, East, $10; Rock River, $75; Southwest Kansas, $80; Troy, $20; Upper Iowa, $25; Vermont, $40; Washington, $50.

NEW JERSEY HOME.—*Salary:* Lexington, $25; New Jersey, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $25; Detroit, $25; Lexington, $50; Newark, $40; New Jersey, $25; New York, $20; New York East, $50; North Ohio, $10; Rock River, $75; Vermont, $40. Sewing Machine, New Jersey Young people.

RITTER HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $5; Indiana, $50; South Kansas, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $55; Des Moines, $80; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $80; Erie, $40; Illinois, $150; Kansas, $60; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $60; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $40; New England, $40; New England Southern, $50; North Dakota, $70; North Nebraska, $15; Northern Minnesota, $40; Northern New York, $150; Ohio, $80; Oregon, $60; Philadelphia, $80; Pittsburg, $80; Southern Illinois, $15; Southwest Kansas, $80; Vermont, $40; Wyoming, $50; West Wisconsin, $15. *Building:* Baltimore, $100; Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $100; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Kentucky, $10 (door); Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $25; Nebraska, $100; New York, $50; North Ohio, $25; Ohio, $100; Pittsburg, $125; Rock River, $100; Southern Illinois, $10; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $50.

E. L. RUST HOME.—*Salary:* Erie, $20; Cincinnati, $5 current expense. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $40; Detroit, $50; Erie, $25; Michigan, $25; North Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $25.

BENNETT HOME.—*Expenses:* Des Moines, $20; East Ohio, $50; New England, $10; North Ohio, $25; Ohio, $50; Pittsburg, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $15; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $40; Erie, $40; Minnesota, $40; New England, $25; New York, $10; New York East, $50; Northern Minnesota, $60; Northwest Iowa, $10; Rock River, $40; St. Louis, $50; Southwest Kansas, $5; Upper Iowa, $25; Wyoming, $100.

BENNETT ACADEMY.—Genesee, $5; New Jersey, $10.

DICKSON HALL.—*Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $10; East Ohio, $25; New England, $10; North Indiana, $20; North Ohio, $50; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $10.

ADELINE SMITH HOME.—*Expenses:* Central New York, $10; Little

Rock, $25; North Nebraska, $5; Northern New York, $25; Philadelphia, $10; Wisconsin, $40. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $80; Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $40; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $120; Genesee, $25; Kansas, $40; Little Rock, $50; Michigan, $100; Nebraska, $40; Northern Minnesota, $40; Northern New York, $40; Northwest Indiana, $80; Northwest Iowa, $50; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $200; Southern California, $40; Southern Illinois, $15; Southwest Kansas, $10; St. Louis, $25; Upper Iowa, $40.

PECK SCHOOL.—*Expenses:* Central Illinois, $25; Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $25; Minnesota, $25; New England Southern, $25; Northwest Indiana, $20; Ohio, $10; Rock River, $50; Wisconsin, $40. *Student Aid:* Detroit, $20.

KING HOME.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $10; Erie, $80; Iowa, $320; New Jersey, $10. *Expenses:* Des Moines, $10; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $5; Minnesota, $25; New England Southern, $25; North Ohio, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $20; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $40; Erie, $50; Illinois, $25; Indiana, $80; Iowa, $75; Michigan, $50; New England, $25; New Hampshire, $10; Northwest Iowa, $50; Ohio, $25; Southern Illinois, $5; Southwest Kansas, $15; Upper Iowa, $25.

ELIZA DEE HOME.—*Expenses:* Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $25; East Ohio, $25; New Hampshire, $5; North Ohio, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Northwest Iowa, $5; Ohio, $25; Troy, $10; West Texas, $50 (salary). *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $57.50; South Kansas, $25; Troy, $10; Upper Iowa, $50; West Texas, $50.

BOAZ HOME.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $200. *Current Expenses:* Wisconsin, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $240; Central New York, $90; Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $55; Des Moines, $52; Detroit, $150; East Ohio, $120; Erie, $40; Genesee, $40; Holston, $40; Indiana, $30; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $65; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $40; New England, $40; North Dakota, $40; North Indiana, $100; North Nebraska, $50; Northern Minnesota, $60; Northern New York, $40; Northwest Kansas, $5; Philadelphia, $50; Rock River, $160; St. Louis, $80; Upper Iowa, $40; Wisconsin, $40; Wyoming, $15. *Furnishing:* Cincinnati, $25; piano, $40; New England Southern, $15; New York East, $10; South Illinois, $25. *Building:* Central Illinois, $50; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $100; East Ohio, $150; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $75; New Hampshire, $15; New Jersey, $15; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $100; South Kansas, $50; St. Louis, $110. *Engine:* Northwest Indiana, $20; Pittsburg, $25. *Settlement:* Northwest Indiana, $100.

MITCHELL HOME.—*Salary:* Central Pennsylvania, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $40; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $40; Des Moines, $25; Detroit, $40; New Hampshire, $10; Ohio, $40; Troy, $80; Upper Iowa, $25. *Furnishings:* Cincinnati, $50; Des Moines, $10; North Indiana, $50. *Horse and wagon:* Central New York, $25; Central Pennsylvania (Mrs. Cleese), $5; New York (Mrs. Fisk), $3; Northwest Indiana, $10; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $15; Miss Guernsey, $25 (for Juniors).

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.—Cincinnati, $40; Indiana, $50; Newark, $10; New Hampshire, $20; New Jersey, $25; New York East, $10; Northern New York, $25; Philadelphia, $20. *Highlanders:* Nebraska, $10; New York, $10; Southwest Kansas, $200.

UTAH.—*Salary:* Cincinnati, $5; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $40; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $100; Illinois, $20; Minnesota, $15; New Jersey, $10; New York, $10; Philadelphia, $20. *Incidentals:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $15; Des Moines, $10; Minnesota, $5; Newark, $20; New England, $25; New Hampshire, $20; New York East, $20; North Ohio, $10;

Northwest Indiana, $15; Northwest Kansas, $10; Northwest Iowa, $10; Pittsburg, $25; South Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $50; Wyoming, $25. *Supplies:* Central New York, $25; Genesee, $40; North Nebraska, $15; Ohio, for bell, $37; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $50; Southern Illinois, $5; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $25.

HARWOOD HOME.—*Expenses:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $50; Cincinnati, $10; East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $50; North Nebraska, $35. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $110; Central Ohio, $60; Des Moines, $62.50; East Ohio, $60; Erie, $40; Illinois, $70; Iowa, $40; Kansas, $60; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $40; Nebraska, $40; Newark, $200; New England, $25; North Dakota, $70; New Jersey, $60; New York East, $100; North Nebraska, $10; Northern Minnesota, $90; Northern New York, $60; Northwest Kansas, $5; Ohio, $68; Philadelphia, $120; Pittsburg, $25; Southern California, $60; Southern Illinois, $20; St. Louis, $20; Southwest Kansas, $50; Upper Iowa, $25; Wyoming, $100. *Building:* Baltimore, $85; Central New York, $15; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $35; Indiana, $10; Michigan, $25; Newark, $100; New York, $50; North Indiana, $60; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $20; Rock River, $100; South Kansas, $10; Wyoming, $50. *Furnishing:* Central Pennsylvania, $250.

TUCSON.—*Salary:* Northwest Indiana, $40. *Expenses:* Cincinnati, $5; Iowa, $5; Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* California, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $5; Minnesota, $40; Newark, $100; New Jersey, $30; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Iowa, $5; Philadelphia, $15; Upper Iowa, $30; Des Moines, for tent, $5.

PORTO RICO—ROBINSON ORPHANAGE.—*Salary:* Northern New York, $240. *Expenses:* Ohio, $30; Pittsburg, $20. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $120; Central Illinois, $30; Central New York, $40; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Cincinnati, $95; Des Moines, $65; Detroit, $30; East Ohio, $60; Erie, $70; Indiana, $30; Iowa, $30; Kansas, $90; Michigan, $30; Minnesota, $30; Nebraska, $30; Newark, $120; New England, $30; New England Southern, $30; New Jersey, $40; New York East, $45; North Indiana, $30; Northern Minnesota, $80; Northwest Indiana, $30; Northwest Iowa, $10; Northwest Kansas, $5; Philadelphia, $30; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $60; Southern California, $30; Upper Iowa, $30; Wyoming, $25. *Building:* Alabama, $10; Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $20; Colorado, $10; Detroit, $550; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $50; Indiana, $40; Michigan, $25; Newark, $150; North Dakota, $10; North Indiana, $20; Northern Minnesota, $50; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, $25; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $15; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $20. *Furnishing:* Baltimore, $300, for range, $40; Des Moines, $100; Illinois, $20; Minnesota, $10; Newark, $100; New Jersey, $25; New York East, $40; North Indiana, $35; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $20; Ohio, $200; Rock River, $50; Troy, $50.

MCKINLEY SCHOOL.—*Current Expenses:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $15; Newark, $20; Pittsburg, $25; Rock River, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $30; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $45; Cincinnati, $15; Des Moines, $30; East Ohio, $30; Erie, $60; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $15; Iowa, $30; Kansas, $30; Maine, $15; Michigan, $30; Minnesota, $15; Newark, $60; New England, $10; New England Southern, $15; New Hampshire, $15; North Dakota, $15; New Jersey, $15; New York, $15; New York East, $30; North Indiana, $15; Northern Minnesota, $45; Northwest Indiana, $15; Ohio, $15; Philadelphia, $25; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $30; Southern Illinois, $10; South Kansas, $5; Southwest Kansas, $75; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $25.

FRANCES DEPAUW.—*Salary:* California, $15; Central Illinois, $50; Illinois, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $50; Central Illinois, $100; Central Ohio, $15; Cincinnati, $50; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $20; Detroit,

$50; East Ohio, $50; Maine, $10; Michigan, $15; Minnesota, $5; Newark, $20; New England, $10; New Jersey, $40; New York, $10; Ohio, $20; Philadelphia, $50; Rock River, $40; Southern California, where needed, $1,200; Southern Illinois, $25; Upper Iowa, $25. *Expenses:* Central Pennsylvania, $25; East Ohio, $50; Nebraska, $10; North Ohio, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Wyoming, $25.

DULCE.—*Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Northern New York, $5; Upper Iowa, $5. *Student Aid:* Michigan, $10; Northern Minnesota, $50; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $5; St. Louis, $10; Troy, $50. *Special:* Troy, $100;. *Horse:* New Jersey, $15.

NAVAJO.—*Current Expenses:* Central Pennsylvania, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $10; East Ohio, $50; Minnesota, $5; New England, $10; North Ohio, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Ohio, $20; Pittsburg, $10; Troy, $50; Wyoming, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; Central Illinois, $10; Des Moines, $2.50; Detroit, $40; East Ohio, $40; Newark, $50; New Jersey, $40; New York East, $50; Northwest Indiana, $40; Rock River, $170; St. Louis, $25; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $25. *Irrigation:* Central New York, $10; New York, $25.

INDIANS.—POTTOWATOMIES.—*Salary:* Cincinnati, $5; Erie, $37; Genesee, $25; Illinois, $15; Michigan, $15; Minnesota, $5; Nebraska, $10; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $25; Northern New York, $5; Northwest Indiana, $5; Northwest Iowa, $5; Ohio, $20; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $25 (expenses); Southern California, $10; St. Louis, $15; South Kansas, $10; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $5. UKIAHS.—California, $5; Central Illinois, $10; Central New York, $5; Central Ohio, $15; Cincinnati, $7; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $5; Detroit, $10; Genesee, $5; Illinois, $5; Iowa, $10; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $10; New England Southern, $5; New York East, $10; North Ohio, $5; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Indiana, $10; Ohio, $5; Philadelphia, $5; St. Louis, $5; South Kansas, $15; Troy, $10; Upper Iowa, $5.

PONCA.—Central Pennsylvania, $10; Detroit, $10; Northwest Indiana, $5; Northwest Iowa, $20; Philadelphia, $15; Pittsburg, $10; Troy, $10; Upper Iowa, $10; Wyoming, $10. PAWNEES.—Central Ohio, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Indiana, $25; Michigan, $5; Nebraska, $10; North Indiana, $75; Northern New York, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $5.

STICKNEY HOME.—*Salary:* Alabama, $10; California, $10; Des Moines, $25; Kentucky, $10; Minnesota, $5. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $40; Central New York, $45; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $60; Detroit, $80; East Ohio, $40; Genesee, $40; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $10; New England, $20; North Dakota, $10; New York East, $50; North Ohio, $10; Northern Minnesota, $15; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $40; Northwest Iowa, $50; Ohio, $25; Oregon, $55; Philadelphia, $40; Pittsburg, $50; Puget Sound, $400; Rock River, $100; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $40; Troy, $40; Upper Iowa, $25; Vermont, $40; Wisconsin, $40; Wyoming, $50. *Expenses:* Central Illinois, $30; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Illinois, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Rock River, $100.

JESSE LEE HOME.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $25; Illinois, $10; Oregon, $20; Southern Illinois, $20. *Expenses:* California, $5; Central Illinois, $40; Indiana, $10; Kansas, $30; Minnesota, $65; Nebraska, $25; New England Southern, $20; North Nebraska, $25; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northern New York, $50; Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $160; South Kansas, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $170; Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $75; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $65; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $30; East Ohio, $120; Genesee, $20; Iowa (Mrs. Murphy), $50; Maine, $5; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $65;

New England, $50; New Jersey, $60; New York, $20; New York East, $80; North Indiana, $10; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $180; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $80; Northwest Iowa, $60; Northwest Kansas, $5; Ohio, $60; Oregon, $5; Philadelphia, $120; Pittsburg, $30; Puget Sound, $120; Rock River, $200; Southern California, $200; Southwest Kansas, $40; Troy, $50; Upper Iowa, $50; Wisconsin, $5; Wyoming, $100. *Hospital:* Baltimore, $25; Cincinnati, $10; East Ohio, $100; Northwest Indiana, $25; Pittsburg, $20 for shack, $35 for boat; Wisconsin, $5. *Sinuk:* Baltimore, $25; Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Cincinnati, $20; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Genesee, $10; Michigan, $20; New England, $10; New Jersey, $10; North Indiana, $10; North Ohio, $25; Ohio, $40; Oregon, $10; Philadelphia, $25; Pittsburg, $10; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $10.

NEW YORK IMMIGRANT HOME.—*Expenses:* Alabama, $5; Baltimore, $50; California, $10; Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $40; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $20; Cincinnati, $15; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $20; Erie, $50; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $25; Indiana, $10; Kansas, $25; Kentucky, $20; Michigan, $40; Minnesota, $25; Nebraska, $25; Newark, $50; North Dakota, $20; New Jersey, $20; New York, $250; New York East, $75; North Nebraska, $15; Northern Minnesota, $20; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $25; Ohio, $50; Oregon, $10; Pittsburg, $20; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $10; Troy, $25; Wyoming, $25.

PHILADELPHIA IMMIGRANT HOME.—Philadelphia, $120.

BOSTON IMMIGRANT HOME.—East Ohio, $25; Erie, $50; Iowa, $15; Minnesota, $20; Nebraska, $10; New England, $800; New England Southern, $20; New Hampshire, $25; North Indiana, $15; North Nebraska, $10; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $20; Wyoming, $25.

BOSTON MEDICAL MISSION.—Central New York, $25; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $15; East Ohio, $50; Michigan, $30; Nebraska, $10; New England, $1,700; New England Southern, $100; New Hampshire, $35; New Jersey, $15; New York, $10; North Ohio, $25; Northern New York, $100; Ohio, $25; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $10; Troy, $15; Upper Iowa, $10; Wyoming, $10.

CHINESE HOME.—*Expenses:* California, $500; Indiana, $25; New England, $40. *Kindergarten:* Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $10; Des Moines, $5; Detroit, $10; Erie, $15; Illinois, $12; Maine, $10; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $15; New Jersey, $30; Northwest Indiana, $15; Ohio, $15; Oregon, $15; Southern Illinois, $10; South Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $15; Wyoming, $30; Children, $240. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $160; Central New York, $15; Central Ohio, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $30; Cincinnati, $15; Colorado, $15; Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $15; Genesee, $10; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $120; Minnesota, $40; Nebraska, $30; Newark, $50; New England, $30; New Hampshire, $5; New York East, $50; North Indiana, $60; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $75; Northwest Iowa, $70; Ohio, $60; Philadelphia, $60; Pittsburg, $25; Rock River, $60; Southern California, $60; St. Louis, $20; South Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $60; Wyoming, $50. *Building:* Alabama, $10; Central New York, $40; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $70; Des Moines, $100; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $50; Indiana, $50; Iowa, $60; Michigan, $50; Missouri, $20; New England, $25; North Dakota, $15; New York East, $25; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $10; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $100; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, $75; Pittsburg, $125; Rock River, $40; Southwest Kansas, $100; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $35; Vermont, $30; Wisconsin, $15; Wyoming, $50.

JAPANESE HOME.—*Current Expenses:* California, $400. *Student Aid:*

Baltimore, $180; Central Illinois, $30; Central Ohio, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $30; Cincinnati, $10; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $25; East Ohio, $120; Erie, $65; Illinois, $10; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $15; Minnesota, $50; New Hampshire, $50; New York East, $75; North Ohio, $10; Northern Minnesota, $20; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Indiana, $60; Northwest Iowa, $10; Northwest Kansas, $5; Ohio, $30; Pittsburg, $25; Rock River, $60; St. Louis, $10; South Kansas, $10; Troy, $20; Wyoming, $25. *Building:* California, $100; Michigan, $50; New England, $25; North Dakota, $15; New York, $20; Rock River, $40; Upper Iowa, $25. *Southern California Japanese Work:* Colorado, $10.

HAWAII.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $25. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $5; Baltimore, $25; California, $500; Central Illinois, $60; Erie, $20; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $15; Newark, $25; North Dakota, $15; North Indiana, $50; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $15; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $60; Southern California, $60; Southern Illinois, $25; Troy, $20. *Building:* Baltimore, $150; Central Illinois, $50; Central Ohio, $150; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $25; East Ohio, $150; Erie, $150; Illinois, $25; Indiana, $100; Kentucky, $25; Michigan, $100; Newark, $25; New England, $50; New York East, $30; North Indiana, $100; North Nebraska, $15; Northern Minnesota, $25; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $100; Ohio, $150; Philadelphia, $100; Pittsburg, $100; Rock River, $100; Southwest Kansas, $100; Upper Iowa, $125; Wyoming, $50.

SUSANNAH WESLEY HOME.—Bishop J. W. Hamilton, $25; Pittsburg, Conference, $250; Baltimore, $25; Philadelphia, $25; East Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $25; Upper Iowa, $25; North Ohio, $25; Ohio, $25; New Jersey, $10; Rock River, $25; Northwest Indiana, $25; Southern California, $10; North Indiana, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $25; West Wisconsin, $25; Genesee, $25; Maine, $25; Detroit, $25; Nebraska, $40; Central Illinois, $25; Cincinnati, $20; North Nebraska, $10; Southern Illinois, $20; St. Louis, $10; South Kansas, $5; Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, $5; Mrs. Hobbs, $5; Governor and Mrs. Mickey, $10; Kansas City Training-school, $10; Adeline Smith Home, $5; Stickney Home, $5; Bradley Memorial Home, $25; Iowa, $10; Philadelphia Deaconess Home Sunday-school, $5 North Dakota, $5; Colorado, $10; Northern Minnesota, $10; New York, $10; Lincoln, University Place, $5; Oregon to take the last $10 of $1,000.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $25; Illinois, $10; North Nebraska, $85; Philadelphia, $25. *Expenses:* Erie, $100; Nebraska, $400; Northern Minnesota, $20; Ohio, $25. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $5; Baltimore, $20; California, $5; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $100; Detroit, $25; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $6; Genesee, $50; Indiana, $10; Iowa, $40; Maine, $20; Michigan, $30; Nebraska, $100; New England, $25; New England Southern, $20; North Dakota, $5; New Jersey, $20; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $60; North Ohio, $25; North Nebraska, $115; Northern Minnesota, $40; Northwest Indiana, $15; Northwest Kansas, $5; Ohio, $50; Oregon, $15; Southern California, $20; Southern Illinois, $40; St. Louis, $25; Troy, $20; Upper Iowa, $50; Wyoming, $25. *Building:* Central Illinois, for organ, $50; Central Pennsylvania, for room, $50; New Hampshire, $10; North Dakota, $10; New Jersey, for bed, $200; Northwest Indiana, $45; Southern Illinois, for bed, $15.

WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME.—*Expenses:* Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Illinois, $10; Nebraska, $10; Troy, $75; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $75. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; Central New York, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $120; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $30; Indiana, $10; Michigan, $30; Newark, $60; New England, $30; New England Southern, $40; New Jersey, $70; New York, $1,500; New York

East, $100; North Indiana, $10; Northern New York, $60; Ohio, $30; Pittsburg, $60; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $5; Southwest Kansas, $10; Troy, $150; Upper Iowa, $25; Washington, $30. *Furnishing:* East Ohio, $25.

CUNNINGHAM DEACONESS HOME.—*Expenses:* Central Illinois, $75; Central New York, $15; Central Ohio, $15; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit, $15; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $25; Illinois, $1,700; Indiana, $10; Iowa, $20; North Indiana, $20; North Nebraska, $5; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $15; Rock River, $100; Southern Illinois, $25.

BRADLEY MEMORIAL HOME.—Baltimore, $25; Central Ohio, $10; Cincinnati, $15; Detroit, Mrs. Robinson, $10; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $25; Genesee, $20; Michigan, $10; Newark, $25; New York, $10; North Indiana, $10; Pittsburg, $5,000; Troy, $25; Wyoming, $20.

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING-SCHOOL.—*Expenses:* Central New York, $40; Central Pennsylvania, $25; New England, $25; Northern New York, $100; Troy, $50; Wyoming, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $300; Central New York, $100; Central Ohio, $200; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Cincinnati, $135; Colorado, $15; Detroit, $200; East Ohio, $200; Genesee, $100; Illinois, $100; Indiana, $150; Kentucky, $100; Newark, $100; New York, $100; North Indiana, $150; North Ohio, $100; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northern New York, $200; Northwest Iowa, $25; Ohio, $100; Philadelphia, $200; Pittsburg, $200; Southwest Kansas, $100; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $100; Vermont, $50; Wyoming, $25.

FISK TRAINING-SCHOOL.—*Expenses:* Iowa, $5. *Student Aid:* Colorado, $15; Illinois, $50; Kansas, $100; Nebraska, $100; New York, $50; North Nebraska, $100; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Iowa, $25; Northwest Kansas, $25; St. Louis, $400; South Kansas, $100; Southwest Kansas, $25; Upper Iowa, $30.

SAN FRANCISCO TRAINING-SCHOOL.—*Expenses:* California, $500; Central New York, $50. *Repairs:* Central Pennsylvania, $25; Oregon, $100; Upper Iowa, $25. *Salary:* Central New York, $25. *Student Aid:* Detroit, $25; Erie, $40; Illinois, $50.

MARCY HOME.—*Salary:* Illinois, $25; Minnesota, $25; Rock River, $150; Upper Iowa, $25; Wisconsin, $25. *Current Expenses:* Alabama, $10; California, $5; Central Ohio, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $15; Detroit, $15; Erie, $75; Illinois, $10; Iowa, $35; Kansas, $25; Michigan, $30; Nebraska, $25; New England, $10; New England Southern, $20; North Dakota, $20; New York, $20; North Indiana, $25; North Ohio, $10; Northern Minnesota, $30; Northwest Iowa, $20; Ohio, $10; Rock River, $850; Southern California, $5; Southern Illinois, $25; Troy, $20; Upper Iowa, $25. *Building:* Central Illinois, $100; Northwest Indiana, $100; Rock River, $500.

BANCROFT REST.—*Expenses:* Baltimore, $50; Central New York, $10; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $25; New Jersey, $25; New York East, $25; North Indiana, $10; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $25; Wyoming, $25. *Building:* Newark, $50; New Jersey, $100. *Repairs:* Philadelphia, $50.

WING REST HOME.—Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $500.

THOMPSON REST HOME.—Baltimore, $25.

MISS TRENIS.—Vermont, $40.

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.—Cincinnati, $2,500; Central Ohio, $25; Upper Iowa, $25.

INDIAN WORK IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.—Northern Minnesota, $100.

CHICAGO WORK.—Rock River, for Ada Street Mission, $300; Italian, $360; Southern Chicago, $325; Spring Valley, $300.

PLEDGES FOR GENERAL FUND.

Baltimore, $3,000; Central Illinois, $1,200; Central New York, $2,500; Central Ohio, $3,500; Central Pennsylvania, $1,600; Cincinnati, $4,800; Colorado, $650; Des Moines, $1,700; Detroit, $2,300; East Ohio, $3,000; Erie, $3,300; Genesee, $2,500; Holston, $400; Illinois, $2,000; Indiana, $2,500; Iowa, $1,200; Kansas, $700; Kentucky, $400; Maine, $1,000; Michigan, $2,000; Minnesota, $500; Nebraska, $1,000; Newark, $2,300; New England, $2,000; New England Southern, $1,600; New Jersey, $2,200; New York, $1,300; New York East, $1,600; North Dakota, $300; North Indiana, $2,700; North Nebraska, $700; North Ohio, $1,500; Northern Minnesota, $900; Northern New York, $3,000; Northwest Indiana, $1,200; Northwest Iowa, $1,650; Ohio, $3,000; Philadelphia, $1,600; Pittsburg, $2,800; Puget Sound, $800; Rock River, $3,200; St. Louis, $550; Southern California, $1,800; Southern Illinois, $700; South Kansas, $500; Southwest Kansas, $1,200; Troy, $2,500; Upper Iowa, $2,700; Vermont, $800; Washington, $350; West Texas, $150; West Virginia, $350; West Wisconsin, $600; Wyoming, $2,200.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

MRS. GEORGE H. THOMPSON,
In account with the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

August 1, 1905, to August 1, 1906.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

(NOTE.—Young People's and Children's Work detailed in Statistical Reports of Bureau Secretaries.)

Alabama Conference.

Mrs. Nusie McMurray, Treasurer, Boaz, Ala.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $99; Silver offering, $41.24.
Total General Fund, $140.24
STUDENT AID.—Hawaii, $10; Japanese, $5. Total Student Aid, $15.
Grand Total Cash, $155.24.
By voucher, $10.

Arkansas Conference.

Mrs. G. M. Henderson, Treasurer, Little Rock, Ark.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $31; Silver offering, $5.16.
Total General Fund, $36.16.
Grand Total Cash, $36.16.

Atlanta Conference.

Miss Flora Mitchell Treasurer pro tem., Atlanta, Ga.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $141.30; Collections, $2; Silver offering, $10.
Total General Fund, $153.30.
STUDENT AID.—McKinley, $6; Thayer, $63. Total Student Aid, $69.
SPECIAL FUND.—Thayer City Mission, $12. Total Special Fund, $12.
Grand Total Cash, $234.30.
By voucher, $12.50.

Austin Conference.

Mrs. Rilla C. Barnes, Treasurer, San Antonio, Texas.

GENERAL FUND.—Collections, $15. Total General Fund, $15.
Grand Total Cash, $15.

Baltimore Conference.

Mrs. M. E. Brown, Treasurer, 1411 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,344.35; Printing, $10; Gift, $9; Salary, $50; Life member, $20; Silver offering, $1,335.34. Total General Fund, $3,768.69

STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $5; Chinese, $135; F. DePauw, $5; Harwood, $110; Hawaii, $25; Japanese, $146.67; Jesse Lee, $150; L. W. Hayes, $132; Navajo, $23; Porto Rico, $250; Ritter, $60; Stickney, $27; Watts de Peyster, $92.96. Total Student Aid, $1,161.63.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $27.20; Bancroft Rest, $19.75; Bradley Home, $23.50; Colorado Hospital, $85; Harwood, $66.50; L. W. Hayes, $1,000; Mothers' Jewels Home, $9.14; New York Immigrant, $52; Porto Rico, $119.22; San Francisco Emergency, $418.24; Sibley, $1,025; Thompson Rest, $10; Utah, $5. Total Special Fund, $2,860.55.

Grand Total Cash, $7,790.87.

By vouchers, $12,870.68.

California Conference.

Mrs. Abbie Studley, Treasurer, San Francisco, Cal.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,004.84; Printing, $5; Silver offering, $919.65. Total General Fund, $1,929.49.

STUDENT AID.—Boylan, $10. Total Student Aid, $10.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $5; American Highlanders, $10; F. DePauw, $10; Kent, $5; Marcy, $10; Rust Hall, $25; Simpson, $10; Stickney, $10; Utah, $5. Total Special Fund, $90.

Grand Total Cash, $2,029.49.

By vouchers, $6,505.50.

Central Alabama Conference.

Mrs. Emma J. Fisher, Treasurer, Oxford, Ala.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $40.70. Total General Fund, $40.70.

Grand Total Cash, $40.70.

Central Illinois Conference.

Miss Ella Taylor, Treasurer, 904 19th Street, Rock Island, Ill.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,279.20; Salary, $30; Printing, $8.80; Children's Birthday, $7; Silver offering, $1,442.71.

Total General Fund, $2,767.71.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $10; Bennett, $40; F. DePauw, $75; Hawaii, $60; Japanese, $30; Navajo, $10; Porto Rico, $66.94; Ritter, $5; Thayer, $10. Total Student Aid, $306.94.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $40; Boylan, $20; Cunningham, $75; F. DePauw, $5; Harwood, $50; Japanese, $51; Marcy, $75; New York Immigrant, $10; Pottowatomies, $10; Rest Home, $10; Utah, $10; Stickney, $37.50. Total Special Fund, $393.50.

Grand Total Cash, $3,468.15.

By vouchers, $916.42.

Central Missouri Conference.

Mrs. Anna Henly, Treasurer, Louisiana, Mo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $78.25; Silver offering, $102.50.
Total General Fund, $180.75.

Grand Total Cash, $180.75.

(NOTE.—St. Louis Auxiliary Collection of $14, through error, credited to St. Louis Conference.)

Central New York Conference.

Miss Amelia Morris, Treasurer, Syracuse, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,636.20; Printing, $4; Salary, $73.67; Children's Birthday, $25.15; Silver offering, $1,689.18.
Total General Fund, $4.428.20.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $25; A. Smith, $160; Boaz, $216.94; Browning, $50; Chinese, $90; F. DePauw, $49.28; Jesse Lee, $42.32; L. W. Hayes, $75.63; Mothers' Jewels Home, $53.80; Porto Rico, $96.84; Ritter, $25.20; Stickney, $40; Student Aid, $20. Total Student Aid, $945.01.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $4.75; Allen, $12.20; Bennett, $14.25; Boaz, $33.75; Chinese, $20; Cunningham, $10; Deaconess Work, $18.80; Japanese, $62.25; Mothers' Jewels Home, $5; Peck, $5; Navajo, $17.22; Kent, $17.01; Rust Hall, $42.10; Simpson, $10; San Francisco Emergency, $16.87; Stickney, $10; New York Immigrant, $30; Watts de Peyster, $10. Total Special Fund, $339.20.

Grand Total Cash, $5,712.41.
By vouchers, $195.11.

Central Ohio Conference.

Mrs. F. J. Halliday, Treasurer, Delaware, Ohio.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,747.55; Mite Boxes, $76.09; Printing, $13.60; Salary, $252.70; Thank offering, $35.10; Silver offering, $3,056.69.
Total General Fund, $6,181.73.

STUDENT AID.—Haven, $40; Harwood, $70; Hawaii, $17; Jesse Lee, $60; L. W. Hayes, $124.25; Porto Rico, $15; Ritter, $62; Stickney, $20.
Total Student Aid, $408.25.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $50; Bennett, $35.50; Boaz, $50; Boston Medical Mission, $50; Boylan, $35; Browning, $25; Chinese, $85.20; Cunningham, $23.40; Dickson, $25; Emerson, $25; Frances DePauw, $15; Harwood, $5; Haven, $25; Jesse Lee, $25; King, $50; Japanese, $50; New York Immigrant, $80.30; Marcy, $10; Porto Rico, $75; Pottowatomies, $25; Rust Hall, $69; Simpson, $7; Utah, $25; Toledo Deaconess Home, $525.69; Stickney, $10.37. Total Special Fund, $1,401.46.

Grand Total Cash, $7,991.44.
By vouchers, $1,310.03.

NOTE.—Included in above is a bequest from Miss Anna Biggs, Findlay, Ohio, $200.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Miss Sarah J. Richardson, Treasurer, Harrisburg, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,555.35; Printing, $6.65; Salary, $70.50; Silver offering, $1,467.25. Total General Fund, $3,099.75.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $199.85; Boaz, $40; Boylan, $10; Boston Medical Mission $15; Chinese, $77.72; F. DePauw, $25; Harwood, $95.14; Hawaii, $5; Jesse Lee, $136.11; Japanese, $20; Mary Haven, $15; Marcy, $10; Mothers' Jewels, $75; New York Immigrant, $20; Mitchell, $80.94; L. W. Hayes, $154.25; Porto Rico, $111.45; Ritter, $40; Stickney, $78.31; Watts de Peyster, $182.03. Total Student Aid, $1,390.80.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $25; Chinese, $5; Harwood, $53; Navajo, $10; Mitchell, $5; L. W. Hayes, $26; Porto Rico, $16; Rust Hall, $107; Thayer, $10; Watts de Peyster, $25. Total Special Fund, $282.

Grand Total Cash, $4,772.55.

By vouchers, $73.43.

Cincinnati Conference.

Mrs. J. G. R. Wright, Treasurer, Cincinnati.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,325.47; Advertising, $10; Collection, $48; Mite Boxes, $195.40; Printing, $23.18; Thank offering, $6.49; Silver offering, $2,030.89. Total General Fund, $4,639.43.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $2; Bradley, $5; Boaz, $114.39; Chinese, $39.37; Community Schools, $18.10; Dulce, $10; F. DePauw, $35; Harwood, $82.50; Japanese, $24; Jesse Lee, $75.48; L. W. Hayes, $116.14; Mitchell, $116.03; Mothers' Jewels Home, $8.85; New York Immigrant, $5; Porto Rico, $103; Ritter, $121.04; Stickney, $43.36; San Francisco Training-school, $10; Thayer, $55; Watts de Peyster, $10.

Total Student Aid, $994.26.

SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $8; Allen, $5; American Highlanders, $10; Browning, $5; Boylan, $37.75; Bradley, $10; Boaz, $40.60; Bennett, $15; Chinese, $50; Children's San Francisco Emergency Fund, $67.50; Cunningham, $5; Children's paper, 30 cents; Deaconess Work, $5; Eliza Dee, $10; Emerson, $10; Fisk (Le Sourd room), $62; Harwood, $205; Hawaii, $10; Japanese, $10; Jesse Lee, $75; Mitchell, $92.27; Mothers' Jewels, $8.70; Marcy, $10; King, $15; Navajo, $10; New York Immigrant, $15; Pottowatomies, $10; Porto Rico, $27; Rust Hall, $68.31; Ritter, $36; Simpson, $10; Stickney, $39.35; Utah, $5.

Total Special Fund, $987.78.

Grand Total Cash, $6,621.47.

By vouchers, $1,730.13.

Colorado Conference.

Mrs. D. K. Lee, Treasurer, Denver, Colo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $597.61; Printing, $3; Silver offering, $431.14.

Total General Fund, $1,031.75.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $10; Fisk, $15; Japanese, $20; L. W. Hayes, $15; Porto Rico, $12. Total Student Aid, $72.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft, $10; Dulce, $10; F. DePauw, $5; Jesse Lee, $10; San Francisco Emergency, $21.30; Stickney, $5.

Total Special Fund, $61.30.

Grand Total Cash, $1,165.05.

By vouchers, $10,260.10.

Columbia River Conference.

Mrs. W. T. Euster, Treasurer, Lewiston, Idaho.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $159.76; Thank offering, $35; Collection, $65; Contingent Fund, $3.87; Mite Boxes, $4.47; Silver offering, $17.

Total General Fund, $285.10

SPECIAL FUND.—Japanese, $2; Mothers' Jewels Home, $10; Stickney, $3.60. Total Special Fund, $15.60.

Grand Total Cash, $300.70.
By vouchers, $27.

Dakota Conference.

Mrs. Ella Murphy, Treasurer, Sioux Falls, S. D.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $21. Total General Fund, $21.

Grand Total Cash, $21.
By voucher, $25.

Delaware Conference.

Mrs. Emma Thompson, Treasurer, Philadelphia.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $61.52; Printing, 50 cents; Silver offering, $17.50. Total General Fund, $79.52.

STUDENT AID.—Emerson, $32. Total Student Aid, $32.

Grand Total Cash, $111.52.

Des Moines Conference.

Mrs. E. D. Jones, Treasurer, Des Moines, Iowa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,402.76; Mite Boxes, $19.34; Printing, $2.50; Children's Birthday, 50 cents; Silver offering, $1,967.79.

Total General Fund, $3,392.89.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $5.80; A. Smith, $20; Bennett, $30; Boaz, $30; Brewster, $10; Chinese, $5; E. Dee, $40; Harwood, $27.35; Kent, $15; King, $25; Japanese, $10; Mothers' Jewels Home, $77.20; Peck, $9.25; Porto Rico, $30; Ritter, $70.22; Stickney, $5; Thayer, $28.38.

Total Student Aid, $438.20

SPECIAL FUND.—Bennett, $20; Boylan, $40; Allen, $45; Harwood, $73.15; Japanese, $24; Jesse Lee, $50; Mitchell, $30; Mothers' Jewels Home, $12.72; Ritter, $20; Stickney, $20; Utah, $10.

Total Special Fund, $344.87.

Grand Total Cash, $4,175.96.
By vouchers, $2,671.75.

Detroit Conference.

Mrs. C. S. Ruttle, Treasurer, West Bay City, Mich.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,841.04; Printing, $10.25; Salary, $640; Silver offering, $4,738.56. Total General Fund, $7,229.75.

STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $40; Boaz, $117; Boylan, $15; Bradley, $10; Cunningham, $5; Eliza Dee, $56; F. DePauw, $71.50; Emerson, $85; Japanese, $5; Jesse Lee, $65; Kent, $75; King, $50; L. W. Hayes, $131.50; Mothers' Jewels Home, $5; Navajo, $40; New Jersey, $10; Peck, $10; Ritter, $80; Stickney, $125. Total Student Aid, $996.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft, $15; Boaz, $65; Chinese, $50; Harwood, $25; Haven, $25; Jesse Lee, $10; Permanent Deaconess Rest Home, $100; Porto Rico (Robinson Orphanage), $4,025; Utah, $25.

Total Special Fund, $4,340.

Grand Total Cash, $12,565.85.
By vouchers, $7,861.06.

East Maine Conference.

Mrs. E. S. Burrill, Treasurer, Mattawamkeag, Me.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $85.50; Silver offering, $12.
Total General Fund, $97.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Japanese, $2; Jesse Lee, $2. Total Special Fund, $4.
Grand Total Cash, $101.50.
By vouchers, $21.30.

East Swedish Conference.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $18; Silver offering, $10.
Total General Fund, $28.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boston Immigrant, $85; Porto Rico, $15.
Total Special Fund, $100.
Grand Total Cash, $128.

East Tennessee Conference.

Mrs. E. E. Gardner, Treasurer, Gate City, Va.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $49.90; Silver offering, $6.
Total General Fund, $55.90.
Grand Total Cash, $55.90.
By vouchers, $24.

East Ohio Conference.

Miss Lydia Deal, Treasurer, Dexter City, Ohio.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,709.87; Printing, $18; Thank offering, $89.10; General Fund, $10; Collection, $9.06; Mite Boxes, $121.28; Children's Birthday, $7.70; Silver offering, $2,016.74.
Total General Fund, $4,981.75.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $40; A. Smith, $140; Bennett, $40; Boaz, $40; Boylan, $40.71; Bradley, $15.10; Brewster, $40; Browning, $40; Chinese, $15; E. Dee, $25; Emerson, $40; F. DePauw, $100; Harwood, $62.50; Haven, $28; Japanese, $129.41; Jesse Lee, $120; Kent, $80; King, $120; L. W. Hayes, $100.15; Mothers' Jewels Home, $132.88; Navajo, $40; Porto Rico, $55.26; Ritter, $80; Stickney, $40; Thayer, $50; Watts de Peyster, $50. Total Student Aid, $1,664.01.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $50; A. Smith, $30; Alaska, $100; Bennett, $25; Boaz, $100; Boston Immigrant, $100; Boston Medical Mission, $50; Bradley, $10; Children's Emergency Fund, $32.15; Cunningham, $50.54; Chinese, $160.22; Dulce, $50; Dickson, $35; E. Dee, $25; F. DePauw, $50; Haven, $12; Harwood, $150; Hawaii, $125; King, $100; Navajo, $49.63; Porto Rico, $104.36; Rust Hall, $17.50; Stickney, $50; Utah, $125.
Total Special Fund, $1,601.40.
Grand Total Cash, $8,247.16.
By vouchers, $1,734.26.

Erie Conference.

Mrs. W. J. Smith, Treasurer, North East, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,217.45; Printing, $13; Interest, $7.50; Mite Boxes, $69.50; Salary, $362.04; Thank offering, $260.14; Children's Birthday, $3.12; Silver offering, $1,813.81. Total General Fund, $4,746.56.

STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $80; Boaz, $60; Browning, $40; Community Schools, $44.25; Emerson, $20; F. DePauw, $55; Harwood, $15; Japanese, $10; Jesse Lee, $10; L. W. Hayes, $25; Mitchell, $20.50; Mothers' Jewels Home, $10.27; Navajo, $15; Porto Rico, $150.96; Ritter, $45; Stickney, $10; Thayer, $10; Watts de Peyster, $30.

Total Student Aid, $650.98.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $50; Browning, $50; Boaz, $25; Bradley, $25; Boston Immigrant, $15; Chinese, $20.01; Community Schools, $6.10; Cunningham, $50; E. L. Rust, $14; E. Dee, $10; Dickson, $30; Harwood, $75; Haven, $103.49; Hawaii, $15; Japanese, $50; Jesse Lee, $40; King, $50.01; L. W. Hayes, $50; Marcy, $25; Navajo, $75; Mothers' Jewels Home, $40; Porto Rico, $76; Rust Hall, $70; San Francisco Emergency, $54.50; Simpson, $25; Stickney, $59.95; Thayer, $14.09; Utah, $29.

Total Special Fund, $1,147.15.

Grand Total Cash, $6,544.69.
By vouchers, $208.84.

Florida Conference.

Mrs. C. B. Fox, Treasurer, Jacksonville, Fla.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $56.63; Silver offering, $31.29.

Total General Fund, $87.92.

Grand Total Cash, $87.92.

Genesee Conference.

Mrs. C. E. Millspaugh, Treasurer, Medina, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,876.77; Gift, $103; General Fund, $192.56; Mite Boxes, $88.32; Printing, $6.50; Salary, $5; Thank offering, $53.05; Silver offering, $1,737.81. Total General Fund, $4,063.01.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $20; Boaz, $30; Boylan, $55; Browning, $40; Chinese, $5; Jesse Lee, $15; L. W. Hayes, $110; Mothers' Jewels, $50; Navajo, $17.76; Porto Rico, $15.88; Stickney, $44.59; Thayer, $10; Watts de Peyster, $5. Total Student Aid, $418.23.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bennett, $5; Bancroft, $5; Boaz, $50; Bradley, $5; Boylan, $5; Frontier, $10; Chinese, $27.50; Genesee Deaconess Home, $89.92; Hawaii, $25; Harwood, $10; Japanese, $13.27; Jesse Lee, $25; L. W. Hayes, $35; Marcy, $2; Mary Haven, $7.35; New Jersey, $2.25; Permanent Rest Home, $55; Porto Rico, $47.50; San Francisco Emergency, $7.15; Watts de Peyster, $5. Total Special Fund, $431.94.

Grand Total Cash, $4,913.18.
By vouchers, $5,215.43.

Gulf Conference.

Miss Eliza Page, Treasurer, New Orleans, La.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $33.90; Collections, $34; Tuitions, $7.50; Silver offering, $10.30. Total General Fund, $85.70.

Grand Total Cash, $85.70.

Holston Conference.

Mrs. W. W. Hooper, Treasurer, Chattanooga, Tenn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $267.70; Collections, $25; Mite Boxes, $8.10; Thank offering, $39.20; Silver offering, $289.41.

Total General Fund, $629.41.

STUDENT AID.—Harwood, $18; Mothers' Jewels Home, $6.
Total Student Aid, $24.
SPECIAL FUND.—Colorado Hospital, $10; Boaz, $30; Hawaii, $5; Ritter, $5. Total Special Fund, $50.
Grand Total Cash, $703.41.
By vouchers, $69.93.

Idaho Conference.

Mrs. L. A. Huston, Treasurer, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $20.55; Contingent Fund, $1.30; Silver offering, $4.25. Total General Fund, $26.10.
STUDENT AID.—Porto Rico, $30. Total Student Aid, $30.
Grand Total Cash, $56.10.

Illinois Conference.

Mrs. E. J. Strader, Treasurer, Decatur, Ill.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,543.07; Life member, $20; Printing, $12.90; Salary, $138; Thank offering, $20.80; Silver offering, $674.05.
Total General Fund, $2,408.82.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $17; Boaz, $3.11; Boylan, $4; Chinese, $35; Harwood, $68; Fisk, $88; Mothers' Jewels, $7.52; Navajo, $15; Peck, $5; L. W. Hayes, $110; Ritter, $25. Total Student Aid, $377.63.
SPECIAL FUND.—Bennett, $20; Boaz, $10; Boylan, $22; Chinese, $23; Eliza Dee, $15; F. DePauw, $12; Hawaii, $10; Japanese, $2; Jesse Lee, $8; L. W. Hayes, $5; Marcy, $20; Mothers' Jewels, $5; New York Immigrant, $55; Porto Rico, $24; Pottowatomies, $12.50; Ritter, $19; Stickney, $25.50; Utah, $42; Watts de Peyster, $4.
Total Special Fund, $334.
Grand Total Cash, $3,120.45.
By vouchers, $4,193.50.

Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Mary E. Helwig, Treasurer, Indianapolis, Ind.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,722.61; Collection, $28.15; Mite Boxes, $200.16; Printing, $21.70; Thank offering, $200.89; Children's offering, $18.18; Silver offering, $773.15. Total General Fund, $2,964.84.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $55; Boaz, $46; Chinese, $67; F. DePauw, $5; Harwood, $85; Hawaii, $50; L. W. Hayes, $130; Japanese, $5; Mothers' Jewels, $5; Porto Rico, $31.50; Ritter, $170; Thayer, $10.
Total Student Aid, $659.50.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $80; Boaz, $17; Boylan, $46.80; Chinese, $36; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $2; Colored Training-school, $5; Hawaii, $8; Harwood, $40; Indiana Deaconess H. and H., $49; King Home, $70.30; Mothers' Jewels Home, $77.90; Marcy, $10; Navajo, $1; Porto Rico, $35; Rust Hall, $20. Total Special Fund, $498.
Grand Total Cash, $4,122.34.
By vouchers, $185.25.

Iowa Conference.

Mrs. L. F. Owens, Treasurer, Burlington, Iowa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,168.98; Gift, $2.4; Printing, $3; Salary, $217.40; Silver offering, $921.04. Total General Fund, $2,334.42.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $35; Eliza Dee, $15; Fisk, $5; Harwood, $35; Jesse Lee, $50; King, $26; Mothers' Jewels, $5.50; Marcy, $5; Porto Rico, $55; Ritter, $7.40; Stickney, $40; Utah, $7.

Total Student Aid, $285.90.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $22.70; Chinese, $52.29; E. Dee, $15; Cunningham, $3.16; Fisk, $25; Japanese, $10; King, $64; Immigrant New York, $10; Marcy, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $40.80; Rust Hall, $192.30; Ritter, $5; Stickney, $15; Utah, $20; Porto Rico, $25.

Total Special Fund, $525.25

Grand Total Cash, $3,145.57.
By vouchers, $6,369.89.

Kansas Conference.

Mrs. Geo. O. Smith, Treasurer, Topeka, Kansas.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $684.49; Mite Boxes, $72.75; Printing, $1.45; Salary, $64.02; Thank offering, $1.50; Silver offering, $511.06.

Total General Fund, $1,335.27.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $20; Bennett, $5; Chinese, $30; F. DePauw, $15; Fisk, $100; Harwood, $60; Porto Rico, $60; Ritter, $60.

Total Student Aid, $350.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $15; Bennett, $20; Chinese, $27.50; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $4; Cunningham, $15; Fisk, $75; Harwood, $20; Hawaii, $10; Marcy, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $25; New York Immigrant, $15; Pottowatomies, $138.98. Total Special Fund, $390.48.

Grand Total Cash, $2,075.75.
By vouchers, $78.47.

Kentucky Conference.

Mrs. Jas. C. Dugan, Treasurer, Louisville, Ky.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $207.04; Mite-boxes, $48.98; Printing, 50 cents; Thank-offering, $31.71; Silver offering, $313.15.

Total General Fund, $601.38.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $20; F. DePauw, $10; L. W. Hayes, $100; Porto Rico, $8. Total Student Aid, $138.

SPECIAL FUND.—Chinese, $22.50. Total Special Fund, $22.50.

Grand Total Cash, $761.88.
By Vouchers, $25.60.

Lexington Conference.

Mrs. Lulu A. Allen, Treasurer, Lexington, Ky.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $301.61; Collection, $2; Contingent Fund, $1.30; Mite-boxes, $13.65; Printing, 27 cents; Salary, 24 cents; Thank-offering, $1.85; Sale of Annual Reports, $2; Silver offering, $17.25.

Total General Fund, $340.17.

STUDENT AID.—New Jersey, $33.47. Total Student Aid, $33.47.

Grand Total Cash, $373.64.

Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. Annie Strickland, Treasurer, Little Rock, Ark.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $138.32; Printing, 50 cents; Silver offering, $77.50. Total General Fund, $216.32

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $12. Total Student Aid, $12.
Grand Total Cash, $228.32.
By vouchers, $35.

Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. Deline C. Meade, Treasurer, New Orleans, La.

GENERAL FUND.—Collection, $32. Total General Fund, $32.
Grand Total Cash, $32.

Maine Conference.

Miss Flora Lord, Treasurer, Portland, Me.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $609.89; Mite-boxes, $7.10; Life member, $1; Printing, $1; Children's offering, $22.75; Silver offering, $235.81.
Total General Fund, $877.55.

STUDENT AID.—Emerson, $30; F. DePauw, $10; Harwood, $5; Jesse Lee, $5; L. W. Hayes, $44; Mothers' Jewels, $2.21; New Jersey, $5; Porto Rico, $3.43; Thayer, $50.18. Total Student Aid, $154.82.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boston Medical Mission, $1; Chinese, $7.25; Porto Rico, $3. Total Special Fund, $11.25.

Grand Total Cash, $1,043.62.
By vouchers, $1,823.13.

Michigan Conference.

Mrs. Delos Fall, Treasurer, Albion, Mich.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $982.13; General Fund, $250; Life member, $1; Printing, $18; Salary, $1,000.15; Silver offering, $1,686.31.
Total General Fund, $3,937.59.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $90; Bradley, $10; Chinese, $15; Dulce, $25; E. L. Rust, $40; F. DePauw, $60; Boaz, $60; Hawaii, $40; Harwood, $60; Japanese, $10; Jesse Lee, $60; Mitchell, $40; Mothers' Jewels, $15; Navajo, $25; Porto Rico, $45; Ritter, $40; Stickney, $3.75; Thayer, $21.29; Watts de Peyster, $15. Total Student Aid, $675.04.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $70; Boston Medical, $50; Boylan, $57; Bennett, $50; Chinese, $100; Children San Francisco Emergency, $5; Harwood, $65; Japanese, $80; Jesse Lee, $50; Kent, $5; King, $50; Navajo, $10; New York Immigrant, $50; Marcy, $30; Porto Rico, $7.50; Stickney, $30. Total Special Fund, $709.50.

Grand Total Cash, $5,322.13.
By vouchers, $624.52.

Minnesota Conference.

Mrs. J. Milton Miller, Treasurer, St. Paul, Minn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $302.90; Printing, $1.75; Silver offering, $580.46. Total General Fund, $885.11.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $9.50; Bennett, $24; Chinese, $15; Harwood, $40; Hawaii, $13; Japanese, $8.80; Jesse Lee, $15; L. W. Hayes, $135; Mary Haven, $40.50; Porto Rico, $41.50; Ritter, $90.20; Simpson, $40.88; Thayer, $15. Total Student Aid, $488.38.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $38.50; Boston Immigrant, $20; Chinese, $5; Harwood, $40; Hawaii, $1; Japanese, $30; Jesse Lee, $90; Kent, $15;

Marcy, $14.78; Mothers' Jewels, 75 cents; Miss Trenis, $21.50; New York Immigrant, $25; Porto Rico, $15; Pottowatomies, $5; Rust Hall, $5; Stickney, $5; Thayer, $10; Utah, $22.25. Total Special Fund, $363.78.

Grand Total Cash, $1,737.27.

By vouchers, $376.31.

Missouri Conference.

Mrs. W. B. Christy, Treasurer, Chillicothe, Mo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $4. Total General Fund, $4.

Grand Total Cash, $4.

Mississippi Conference.

Mrs. E. L. Smith, Treasurer, Meridian, Miss.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $25; Collection, $44; Silver offering, $69. Total General Fund, $138.

Grand Total Cash, $138.

Montana Conference.

Mrs. N. E. Church, Treasurer, Los Angeles, Cal.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $62.08; Collection, $9.20; Silver offering, $55.75. Total General Fund, $127.03.

Grand Total Cash, $127.03.

Nebraska Conference.

Mrs. M. J. States, Treasurer, Lincoln, Neb.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,167.70; Mite-boxes, $25.65; Printing, $1.40; Salary, $1.25; Thank-offering, $7; Silver offering, $234.78.

Total General Fund, $1,437.78.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $21.24; A. Smith, $40; Chinese, $20; E. Dee, $17.93; Fisk, $16.70; Harwood, $10; Jesse Lee, $18.22; Mothers' Jewels, $152.86; Navajo, $10; Ritter, $30. Total Student Aid, $336.95.

SPECIAL FUND.—Fisk, $35.50; Pottowatomies, $5.42.

Total Special Fund, $40.92.

Grand Total Cash, $1,815.65.

By vouchers, $84.05.

Newark Conference.

Mrs. E. C. McNaughton, Treasurer, Plainfield, N. J.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,172.99; Life member, $20; Honorary Manager, $1; Mite-boxes, $3.52; Printing, $14.05; Thank-offering, $83.01; Children's offering, $16; Silver offering, $2,080.86.

Total General Fund, $4,391.43.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $78.11; Boylan, $5; Community Schools, $3; Chinese, $39.50; F. DePauw, $27.11; Harwood, $285.45; Haven, $60; Japanese, $43.14; Kent, $40; L. W. Hayes, $38; Mothers' Jewels Home, $32.75; New Jersey, $66.45; Navajo, $50; Porto Rico, $216.40; Ritter, $20; Stickney, $20; Thayer, $40; W. De Peyster, $70.

Total Student Aid, $1,134.91.

SPECIAL FUND.—Chinese, $9; Community Schools, $7; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $103.89; Bancroft, $35; Harwood, $103; Japanese, $4.41; Marcy, $25; New York Immigrant, $58; Porto Rico, $124.50; Rust Hall, $13; Tucson, $40.91; Utah, $25. Total Special Fund, $548.71.

Grand Total Cash, $6,075.05.
By vouchers, $3,671.58.

New England Conference.

Mrs. D. F. Barber, Treasurer, Newton, Mass.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,902.43; Mite-boxes, $58.65; Printing, $3.25; Salary, $[illegible]; Silver offering, $1,541.48. Total General Fund, $3,550.81.

STUDENT AID.—Browning, $40; Boylan, $40; Chinese, $30; F. DePauw, $10; Haven, $50; Hawaii, $30; Jesse Lee, $50; Japanese, $10; L. W. Hayes, $50; Porto Rico, $35; Ritter, $40.28; Stickney, $20; Thayer, $135; W. De Peyster, $62. Total Student Aid, $602.28.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $25; Boylan, $10; Browning, $200; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $49.50; Dulce, $10; E. Dee, $5; Harwood, $50; Hawaii, $1; Jesse Lee, $25; King, $25; Mothers' Jewels, $4.91; Navajo, $20; Peck, $10; Pottowatomies, $10; Porto Rico, $20; Simpson, $10; Utah, $25. Total Special Fund, $500.41.

Grand Total Cash, $4,653.50.
By vouchers, $2,083.62.

New England Southern Conference.

Mrs. Eleanor J. Cooper, Treasurer, Providence, R. I.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,198.54; Gift, $26.69; Mite-boxes, $72.65; Printing, $8; Salary, $230.60; Thank-offering, $7.12; Children's offering, $2.37; Silver offering, $698.87. Total General Fund, $2,244.84.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $40; Browning, $80; Chinese, $15; Emerson, $34; Harwood, $5; Jesse Lee, $64.05; L. W. Hayes, $50; Mothers' Jewels, $28.59; Porto Rico, $75.52; Japanese, $5; Ritter, $89.87; Thayer, $40; W. De Peyster, $123.26. Total Student Aid, $650.29.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $25; Browning, $62; Boston Immigrant, $18.50; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $86.85; E. Dee, $5; King, $15; Marcy, $15; Peck, $15; Simpson, $15; San Francisco School, $5. Total Special Fund, $262.35.

Grand Total Cash, $3,157.48.
By vouchers, $145.04.

New Hampshire Conference.

Mrs. Alvin A. Young, Treasurer, Sunapee, N. H.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $650.32; Life member, $2; Printing, $3.40; Salary, $36.50; Children's offering, $2.17; Silver offering, $389.10. Total General Fund, $1,083.49.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $46.29; Boylan, $60; Boylan Settlement, $46.50; Browning, $40; Chinese, $5; E. Dee, $2.80; American Highlanders, $20; Jesse Lee, $55; Porto Rico, $15.27; W. De Peyster, $15. Total Student Aid, $305.86.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boston Medical Mission, $35; Boaz, $17.47; Boston Immigrant, $15; Chinese, $6.05; E. Dee, $2.20; King, $10; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $7; Mothers' Jewels Home, $10; Utah, $25. Total Special Fund, $127.72.

Grand Total Cash, $1,517.07.
By vouchers, $6.20.

New Jersey Conference.

Mrs. S. J. Turner, Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,857.43; Mite-boxes, $163.81; Printing, $8; Salary $32; Silver offering, $1,978.45. Total General Fund, $4,039.69.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $6.50; Boylan, $40; F. DePauw, $72; Japanese, $8; Jesse Lee, $12; Harwood, $60; Kent, $6; L. W. Hayes, $102; Mothers' Jewels, $32.26; New Jersey Home, $30; Porto Rico, $55; Ritter, $40; Stickney, $20; Watts de Peyster, $120. Total Student Aid, $603.76.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft Rest, $23; Boaz, $10; Boylan, $15; Boston Medical Mission, $10; Community Schools, $10; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $25; Harwood, $30; Haven, $15; Hawaii, $15; Japanese, $15; Jesse Lee, $15; King, $15; Mothers' Jewels, $20.72; Navajo, $10; New Jersey, $21.50; New York Immigrant, $11.86; Simpson, $10; Tucson, $65; Utah, $15. Total Special Fund, $352.08.

Grand Total Cash, $4,995.53.

By vouchers, $200.98.

New Mexico English Mission.

Mrs. J. T. Roe, Treasurer, El Paso, Texas.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $62.95; Printing, $1.50; Silver offering, $4.75. Total General Fund, $69.20.

STUDENT AID.—Harwood, $26.48. Total Student Aid, $26.48.

SPECIAL FUND.—Harwood, $73.28. Total Special Fund, $73.28.

Grand Total Cash, $168.96.

By vouchers, $7.78.

New Mexico Spanish Mission.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $8.15; Collection, $21.

Total General Fund, $29.15.

Grand Total Cash, $29.15.

(NOTE.—Collection of $27 received too late for this year's credit.)

New York Conference.

Mrs. W. R. Baird, Treasurer, New York City.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,229.29; Alger Fund, $40; Printing, $3; Children's Birthday, $56.08; Silver offering, $965.50.

Total General Fund, $2,293.87.

STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $10; Boaz, $40; Boylan, $10; Bradley, $10; Cunningham, $3.50; F. DePauw, $10; Harwood, $35; Hawaii, $10; Jesse Lee, $5; Kent, $40; L. W. Hayes, $100; New Jersey, $40; Porto Rico, $20; Thayer, $5; Watts De Peyster, $1,265.75.

Total Student Aid, $1,604.25.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska Hospital, $15; American Highlanders, $5; Community Schools, $10; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $149.25; Harwood, $65; Fisk Training, $55; Japanese, $24; Navajo, $16; New York Immigrant, $241.34; Utah, $10. Total Special Fund, $590.59.

Grand Total Cash, $4,488.71.

By vouchers, $223.95.

New York East Conference.

Mrs. Frances E. Green, Treasurer, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,860.60; Life members, $60; Silver Offering, $879.30; Salary, $35. Total General Fund, $2,834.90.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $10; Bennett, $10; Chinese, $58; Harwood, $183.62; Japanese, $104; Jesse Lee, $165; Kent, $40; L. W. Hayes, $35; Mothers' Jewels, $8.70; New Jersey, $113.50; Porto Rico, $104; Stickney, $134; Watts de Peyster, $120; Navajo, $30.
Total Student Aid, $1,115.82.

SPECIAL FUND.—American Highlanders, $25; Boaz, $10; Boylan, $10; Bancroft, $18; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $63; Navajo, $10; New York Immigrant $100; Porto Rico, $56; Utah, $35; Watts De Peyster, $10; Stickney, $25. Total Special Fund, $362.

Grand Total Cash, $4,312.72.
By vouchers, $6,024.48.

North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. R. C. Beardon, Treasurer, Charlotte, N. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $52.50; Silver offering, $10.50.
Total General Fund, $63.

Grand Total Cash, $63.
By vouchers, $50.

North Dakota Conference.

Miss Annie Chisholm, Treasurer, Fargo, N. D.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $137.79; Mite-boxes, $8.37; Printing, $4.40; Salaries, $112.50; Silver offering, $87.70. Total General Fund, $350.76.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $40; Boylan, $20; Chinese, $15; Harwood, $70; Jesse Lee, $15; Mothers' Jewels, $5; Ritter, $55; Stickney, $10.
Total Student Aid, $230.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft Rest, $10; Boaz, $10; Marcy, $15; New York Immigrant, $2.10; Porto Rico, $20; San Francisco Emergency, $6.12; Thayer, $1.10. Total Special Fund, $64.32.

Grand Total Cash, $645.08.
By vouchers, $184.59.

North Indiana Conference.

Mrs. J. W. Vail, Treasurer, Decatur, Ind.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,223.68; General Fund, $58.98; Gift, $16.23; Mite-boxes, $14.62; Printing, $20.25; Salary, $213.58; Thank-offering, $2; Children's offering, $12.72; Silver offering, $2,427.39.
Total General Fund, $4,989.45.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $4; Boaz, $56.75; Boylan, $133.12; Brewster, $10; Chinese, $49.50; Cunningham, $12.67; Dulce, $2; Emerson, $114.35; F. DePauw, $40; Fisk, $31.50; Harwood, $24; Japanese, $110; L. W. Hayes, $50; Mothers' Jewels, $111.37; Mitchell, $74; Porto Rico, $12.95; Ritter, $93.93; Thayer, $5. Total Student Aid, $935.14.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $48.50; Bancroft Rest, $10; Boylan, $304.02; Brewster, $51.18; Chinese, $112; Children's San Francisco Emergency,

$3; Cleveland Deaconess Home, $10; Cunningham, $5; Emerson, $24.15; Fisk, $3; Harwood, $25; Indiana Deaconess H. and H., $241.80; Jesse Lee, $10; Japanese, $10; Marcy, $20; Mitchell, $114.70; Navajo, $9; New York Immigrant, $14.65; Pawnees, $11; Rust Hall, $10; Tucson $10; Utah, $23; Thayer, $154.20. Total Special Fund, $1,224.20.

Grand Total Cash, $7,148.79.
By vouchers, $189.90.

North Nebraska Conference.

Mrs. E. T. George, Treasurer, Albion, Neb.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $735.33; Mite boxes, $11.65; Printing, $5.50; Salary, $66; Thank-offering, $4.90; Silver offering, $657.71.
Total General Fund, $1,481.09.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $35.90; Chinese, $27.60; Harwood, $25.41; Mary Haven, $14; Mothers' Jewels, $120.84; Ritter, $25.
Total Student Aid, $248.75.

SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $5; Alaska, $37; E. Dee, $12; Harwood, $35; Boston Immigrant, $10; Mothers' Jewels, $91; Navajo, $10; New York Immigrant, $15; Stickney, $10; Utah, $15.
Total Special Fund, $240.

Grand Total Cash, $1,969.84.
By vouchers, $92.39.

North Ohio Conference.

Mrs. T. Shepherd, Treasurer, Wooster, O.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,567.77; Printing, $450; Salary, $15; Silver offering, $952.23. Total General Fund, $2,539.50.

STUDENT AID.—Boylan, $40; Chinese, $67.41; E. L. Rust, $26.80; Frances DePauw, $14.23; Harwood, $17.63; Jesse Lee, $60; Japanese, $10; King, $10; L. W. Hayes, $30; Mothers' Jewels, $12.41; Peck, $5; Porto Rico, $20; Ritter, $29.75; Stickney, $16.35.
Total Student Aid, $359.58.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $15; Allen, $15.10; Bennett, $74.35; Boston Medical, $28.25; Bradley, $9.51; Cleveland, West Side, $237.84; Chinese, $5; Dickson, $97.70; E. L. Rust, $20; Glenn Home, $5; Japanese, $5; Marcy, $25; New York Immigrant, $22; Porto Rico, $46; Rust Hall, $19.36; Thayer, $7. Total Special Fund, $632.11.

Grand Total Cash, $3,531.19.
By vouchers, $4,917.25.

Northern Minnesota Conference.

Mrs. F. F. Safford, Treasurer, Minneapolis, Minn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $441.16; Salary, $318.21; Printing, $2.20; Silver offering, $605.52. Total General Fund, $1,367.09.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $26.40; Boaz, $95; Browning, $40; Bennett, $40; Chinese, $60.25; Dulce, $32; Fisk Training, $30; Haven, $32.96; Harwood, $80; Japanese, $20; Jesse Lee, $180; L. W. Hayes, $54; Mothers' Jewels Home, $48.10; Porto Rico, $45; Ritter, $40.
Total Student Aid, $823.71.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska Hospital, $38.33; Boaz, $50; Bennett, $22.15;

Chinese, $25.79; Dulce, $18; Harwood, $12; Indian Mission, $2.95; Mothers' Jewels, $3.37; Marcy, $10; New York Immigrant, $20; Stickney, $15.
Total Special Fund, $217.59.

Grand Total Cash, $2,408.39.
By vouchers, $608.07.

Northern New York Conference.

Mrs. W. R. Fitch, Treasurer, Lowville, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,669.29; Armitage Fund, $35.29; Printing, $9; Salary, $242.63; Children's offering, $12.76; Silver offering, $1,892.10.
Total General Fund, $4,861.07.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $44; Boaz, $62.25; Boylan, $19.84; Cunningham, $10; Dulce, $10; E. Dee, $10.19; F. DePauw, $2.25; Harwood, $55.55; Jesse Lee, $20.06; L. W. Hayes, $222.18; Mothers' Jewels, $7.30; Mary Haven, $20; New Jersey, $20; Ritter, $169.75; Stickney, $30.32; Thayer, $15; Watts De Peyster, $92.16. Total Student Aid, $810.85.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $9.68; Boston Medical Mission, $16.33; Brewster, $10; Chinese, $24.50; Community School, $47.11; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $51.90; Dulce, $5; Fisk, $25.65; Harwood, $3.63; Hawaii, $2; Japanese, $5.76; Marcy, $2.35; New York Immigrant, $18.32; Pottowatomies, $10; Porto Rico, $88.20; Rust Hall, $22; Stickney, $10.14; Utah, $5. Total Special Fund, $357.57.

Grand Total Cash, $6,029.49.
By vouchers, $313.48.

Northwest Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Myron Campbell, Treasurer, South Bend, Ind.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,103.76; Printing, $1.20; Salary, $55.58; Silver offering, $1,104.65. Total General Fund, $2,265.19.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $60; Boaz, $11.65; E. Dee, $20; Hawaii, $21; Jesse Lee, $60; Japanese, $25; Mothers' Jewels Home, $15; Porto Rico, $52; Peck Home, $20. Total Student Aid, $284.65.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $40; Alaska, $100; Boaz, $117.27; Boylan, $40; Chinese, $35; Dulce, $10; E. Dee, $5; Hawaii, $29; Indiana Deaconess Home, $42.40; Jesse Lee, $20.01; Marcy, $45; Mothers' Jewels, $40; Peck, $30; Porto Rico, $23; Stickney, $25; Thompson Rest, $10; Utah, $10; Tucson, $35. Total Special Fund, $656.68.

Grand Total Cash, $3,206.52.
By vouchers, $110.77.

Northwest Iowa Conference.

Mrs. Marie Keck, Treasurer, Sioux City, Ia.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,483.21; General Fund, $27.50; Printing, $30.25; Salary, $107.75; Silver offering, $853.69.
Total General Fund, $2,502.40.

STUDENT AID.—Bennett, $13.20; E. Dee, $10; Jesse Lee, $50; King, $10; Mothers' Jewels Home, $56; Mitchell, $29.15; Porto Rico, $25; Stickney, $38. Total Student Aid, $231.35.

SPECIAL FUND.—Children's San Francisco Emergency, $20; Mothers' Jewels, $15.80; Marcy, $8.50; Rust Hall, $81.50; Utah, $15.95.
Total Special Fund, $141.75.

Grand Total Cash, $2,875.50.
By vouchers, $2,669.03.

Northwest Kansas Conference.

Mrs. Isaiah McDowell, Treasurer, Salina, Kan.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $134.06; Silver offering, $99.01. Total General Fund, $233.07.
STUDENT AID.—Jesse Lee, $10; Mothers' Jewels Home, $4. Total Student Aid, $14.
SPECIAL FUND.—Chinese, $3.55; Fisk, $5. Total Special Fund, $8.55.
Grand Total Cash, $255.62.
By vouchers, $131.

Northwest Nebraska Conference.

Mrs. E. C. Hill, Treasurer, Alliance, Neb.

GENERAL FUND.—Collection, $2; Gift, $1. Total General Fund, $3.
Grand Total Cash, $3.

Ohio Conference.

Mrs. F. A. Sells, Treasurer, Columbus, O.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,682.07; Mite-boxes, $307.32; Printing, $17.75; Salary, $213.28; Thank-offering, $193.22; Children's Birthday, $1; Silver offering, $2,092.09. Total General Fund, $4,506.73.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $28.20; Bennett, $40; Boylan, $20; Chinese, $60; Emerson, $20; F. DePauw, $25; Harwood, $120; Jesse Lee, $65; Japanese, $60; L. W. Hayes, $100.70; Mothers' Jewels Home, $50; Navajo, $40; Mitchell, $30; Porto Rico, $45; Ritter, $40; Stickney, $25; Watts de Peyster, $15; Thayer, $2.50.
Total Student Aid, $786.40.
SPECIAL FUND.—Bennett, $60; Boaz, $100; Cunningham, $50; Chinese, $113; E. Dee, $25; Fisk, $25; Harwood, $135; Hawaii, $30; Jesse Lee Hospital, $29.59; Boston Immigrants, $25; King, $50; Marcy, $20; Mothers' Jewels Home, $23.17; New York Immigrants, $50; Mitchell, $10; Porto Rico, $300; Pottowatomies, $5; Peck, $10; Thayer, $25; Tucson, $50. Total Special Fund, $1,135.76.
Grand Total Cash, $6,428.89.
By vouchers, $1,177.51.

Oklahoma Conference.

Mrs. M. O. Billings, Treasurer, Guthrie, Okla.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2.83; Collection, $3; Rent of property, $40; Silver offering, $33.92. Total General Fund, $79.75.
Grand Total Cash, $79.75.

Oregon Conference.

Mrs. J. E. Bennett, Treasurer, Portland, Ore.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $200.58; Mite-boxes, $42.23; Printing, $1.50; Thank-offering, $86.83; Children's Birthday, $2.50; Silver offering, $417.17. Total General Fund, $750.81.
STUDENT AID.—Stickney, $5. Total Student Aid, $5.
Grand Total Cash, $755.81.
By vouchers, $302.63.

Philadelphia Conference.

Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,264.31; Printing, $8.50; Salary, $96; Silver offering, $2,519.25. Total General Fund, $3,888.06.

STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $50; Chinese, $76; Dulce, $4; F. DePauw, $25; Harwood, $120; Haven, $162; Hawaii, $2; Jesse Lee, $123; Japanese, $82.25; Fisk, $5; L. W. Hayes, $14; Mary Haven, $15; Porto Rico, $70; Pawnee, $2; Ritter, $40; Stickney, $49.51; Thayer, $45.
Total Student Aid, $884.76.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $10; Bancroft, $53.88; Browning, $10; Boston Medical Mission, $9; Chinese, $65; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $79.21; Community Schools, $20; Haven, $132; Japanese, $5; L. W. Hayes, $24; Ponca, $9; Permanent Rest Home, $64; Philadelphia Immigrants, $52; Porto Rico, $5; Pottowatomies, $16; San Francisco Training-school, $8; Simpson, $45; Rust Hall, $13.05; Thayer, $35; Utah, $35. Total Special Fund, $690.14.

Grand Total Cash, $5,462.96.
By vouchers, $16,469.14.

Pittsburg Conference.

Miss A. R. Ingram, Treasurer, Allegheny, Pa.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,620.67; General Fund, $100.40; Printing, $6.50; Silver offering, $2,654.83. Total General Fund, $5,382.40.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $40; Boaz, $120; Allen, $10; Chinese, $60; Harwood, $20; Haven, $20; Hawaii, $4.50; Jesse Lee, $80; L. W. Hayes, $5; Porto Rico, $50; Ritter, $80; Stickney, $40; Thayer, $25; Watts de Peyster, $60. Total Student Aid, $614.50.

SPECIAL FUND.—Allen, $50; Bennett, $10; Boston Immigrant, $10; Boston Medical, $20; Chinese, $31.50; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $18.10; Community Schools, $20; Dickson, $25; F. DePauw, $10; Harwood, $90; Jesse Lee, $65; Japanese, $20; Kent, $10; Navajo, $110; Pottowatomies, $10; Porto Rico, $135; Ritter, $309.25; Rust Hall, $5; Stickney, $25; Tucson, $135; Utah, $101; New York Immigrant, $10; Hawaii, $20. Total Special Fund, $1,239.85.

Grand Total Cash, $7,236.75.
By vouchers, $5,657.

Puget Sound Conference.

Mrs. Ray S. Dunlap, Treasurer, Pe-Ell, Wash.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $554.36; Contingent fund, $7.13; Life members, $40; Gift, $16.85; Mite-boxes, $9.61; Salary, $1.73; Thank-offering, $23.92; Silver offering, $260.40. Total General Fund, $914.

STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $3.04; F. DePauw, $50.60; Jesse Lee, $81.98; Stickney, $386.82. Total Student Aid, $522.44.

SPECIAL FUND.—Children's San Francisco Emergency, $25; Japanese, $7.35; Stickney, $115.62. Total Special Fund, $147.97.

Grand Total Cash, $1,584.41.
By vouchers, $450.45.

Rock River Conference.

Mrs. May C. Keiser, Treasurer, Chicago, Ill.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $3,661.75; Collection, $9; Printing, $17.75; Silver Offering, $3,181.68. Total General Fund, $6,870.18.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $379.20; Boaz, $245.30; Boylan Settlement, $101.75; Bennett, $50; Chinese, $7.50; F. DePauw, $30; Harwood, $77.99; Japanese, $15; Kent, $55; L. W. Hayes, $20; Mothers' Jewels Home, $2.05; Mitchell, $30; New Jersey, $2.80; Porto Rico, $92.09; Ritter, $80; Stickney, $229.20; Thayer, $1.15. Total Student Aid, $1,419.03.

SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $164; Ada Street, $10; Boaz, $35; Boylan Settlement, $76.30; Browning, $55; Bennett, $10; Cunningham, $86.60; Chinese, $25; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $33.51; Hawaii, $9.25; Harwood, $5.50; Italian Mission, $20; Immigrants, $83.43; Japanese, $25; Jesse Lee, $13; Kent, $95; Marcy, $619.86; Mothers' Jewels Home, $1; Navajo, $32.32; Porto Rico, $106.40; Pottowatomies, $3.50; Stickney, $175; Utah, $10. Total Special Fund, $1,694.67.

Grand Total Cash, $9,983.88.
By vouchers, $382.61.

Savannah Conference.

Miss Lucy J. Stripling, Treasurer, Statesborough, Ga.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $48; Silver offering, $15.
Total General Fund, $63.

Grand Total Cash, $63.
By vouchers, $2.

St. John's River Conference.

Mrs. C. B. Fox, Treasurer, Jacskonville, Fla.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $5.25; Contingent Fund, 30 cents; Silver offering, $14.44. Total General Fund, $19.99.

SPECIAL FUND.—Mothers' Jewels Home, $10.
Total Special Fund, $10.

Grand total Cash, $29.99.

St. Louis Conference.

Mrs. W. O. Miller, Treasurer, Kansas City, Mo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $471.95; Mite-boxes, $44.34; Collection, $14; Printing, $3.25; Thank offering, $2.25; Silver offering, $227.40.
Total General Fund, $763.19.

STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $11.90; Dulce, $25; Fisk, $120; Harwood, $18; Mothers' Jewels Home, $16.75; Navajo, $25.
Total Student Aid, $216.65.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bennett, $40; Colorado Springs Hospital, $100; Mothers' Jewels Home, $14.50; Navajo, $25; Watts de Peyster, $43.30.
Total Special Fund, $222.80.

Grand Total Cash, $1,202.64.
By vouchers, $1,209.45.

South Carolina Conference.

Mrs. A. J. Camlin, Treasurer, Liberty, S. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $33. Total General Fund, $33.
Grand Total Cash, $33.

South Kansas Conference.

Mrs. A. H. Hollingshead, Treasurer, Garnett, Kan.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $408.22; Printing, 50 cents; Salary, $10; Silver offering, $289.64. Total General Fund, $708.36.
STUDENT AID.—Fisk, $5; Japanese, $25; Jesse Lee, $15; Mothers' Jewels Home, $15; Porto Rico, $10; Ritter, $10; Stickney, $5; Thayer, $15. Total Student Aid, $100.
SPECIAL FUND.—Japanese, $8; Ritter, $25; Stickney, $15; Utah, $10. Total Special Fund, $58.
Grand Total, Cash, $866.36.
By vouchers, $150.93.

Southern California Conference.

Miss Edith Hough, Treasurer, Los Angeles, Cal.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,792.44; Mite-boxes, 37 cents; Thank-offering, $14.55; Life members, $38.85; Printing, $3.50; Children's Birthday, $4.75; Silver offering, $2,564.47. Total General Fund, $4,418.93.
STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $40; Chinese, $15; Harwood, $12.60; Jesse Lee, $505.65; Mothers' Jewels Home, $39.52; Porto Rico, $2; Riley Training-school, $38; Stickney, $10; Watts de Peyster, $7.
Total Student Aid, $669.77.
SPECIAL FUND.—Children's San Francisco Emergency, $5; Community Schools, $5; Bennett, $5; Hawaii, $25; Mothers' Jewels Home, $110.63; Porto Rico, $15; Rust Hall, $50. Total Special Fund, $215.63.
Grand Total Cash, $5,304.33.
By vouchers, $13,405.26.

Southern Illinois Conference.

Mrs. J. J. Wagner, Treasurer, Sumner, Ill.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $503.45; Thank-offering, $69.88; Mite-boxes, 25 cents; Printing, $11.46; Silver offering, $415.90.
Total General Fund, $1,000.94.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $25; Boylan, $5; Chinese, $10; Frances DePauw, $25; Fisk, $8.99; Harwood, $10; Hawaii, $10; Jesse Lee, $5; L. W. Hayes, $10; Mothers' Jewels Home, $20; Porto Rico, $15; Ritter, $20; Stickney, $35; Watts de Peyster, $5. Total Student Aid, $203.99.
SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $5; Alaska, $30; Boaz, $25; Boylan, $10; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $19.85; Cunningham, $20; E. Dee, $10.17; Hawaii, $1; Harwood, $20; King, $5; Marcy, $50; New York Immigrants, $10; Thayer, $5. Total Special Fund, $211.02.
Grand Total Cash, $1,415.95.
By voucher, $589.25.

Southwest Kansas Conference.

Mrs. H. K. Eberle, Treasurer, Wichita, Kan.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,180.26; Printing, $4; General Fund, $29.75; Salary, $93.40; Silver offering, $1,033.78. Total General Fund, $2,341.19.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $10; Bennett, $5; Chinese, $44.30; Fisk, $124.55; Harwood, $82.70; Jesse Lee, $51.25; Japanese, $5; King, $15; L. W. Hayes, $100; Mothers' Jewels Home, $45.20; Porto Rico, McKinley, $75; Ritter, $28. Total Student Aid, $586.

SPECIAL FUND.—American Highlanders, $108; Fisk, $1; New York Immigrants, $10. Total Special Fund, $119.

Grand Total Cash, $3,046.19.
By vouchers, $1,459.98.

Tennessee Conference.

Mrs. F. A. White, Treasurer, Mason, Tenn.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1.16; Collections, $12.
Total General Fund, $13.16.

Grand Total Cash, $13.16.

Texas Conference.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Treasurer, Houston, Texas.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $145.41; Collection, $9.
Total General Fund, $154.41.

Grand Total Cash, $154.41.
By vouchers, $47.70.

Troy Conference.

Miss Helena Ide, Treasurer, Lansingburg, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,294.46; Thank-offering, $75.88; Salary, $11; Printing, $7.50; Silver offering, $889.87. Total General Fund, $3,278.71.

STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $16.50; Community Schools, $5; Dulce, $35; Emerson, $25; Fisk, $37.50; Haven, $40; Mothers' Jewels Home, $18.34; Navajo, $179; Mitchell, $45; L. W. Hayes, $120; Porto Rico, $7.50; Ritter, $30; Stickney, $64; Thayer, $1; Watt de Peyster, $235.
Total Student Aid, $858.84.

SPECIAL FUND.—Alaska, $120; Boaz, $15; Boylan, $45; Bancroft Rest, $6; Bradley, $25; Chinese, $18; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $20.65; Dulce, $163.58; Emerson, $10; Hawaii, $16; Harwood, $82; Kent, $8; Griffin Deaconess Home, $20; Mitchell, $20; Navajo, $451.50; Porto Rico, $213.65; Pottowatomies, $25; Ponca, $10; Rust Hall, $30; Simpson, $25; Stickney, $50; Tucson, $25; Permanent Rest, $100; New York Immigrant, $10. Total Special Fund, $1,509.38.

Grand Total Cash, $5,646.93.
By vouchers, $1,424.42.

Upper Iowa Conference.

Mrs. R. B. Van Ness, Treasurer, Mt. Vernon, Ia.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,060.63; Printing, $3.50; Salary, $110; Silver offering, $2,318.50. Total General Fund, $4,492.63.

STUDENT AID.—A. Smith, $40; Boaz, $7.37; Brewster, $10; Chinese, $43.71; Dulce, $10; Eliza Dee, $41.90; Fisk, $20.92; F. DePauw, $20.83; Harwood, $38.80; Jesse Lee, $25; Japanese, $10; Kent, $10; L. W. Hayes, $100.85; Mary Haven, $10; Porto Rico, $10; Ritter, $10.55; Stickney, $30.

SPECIAL FUND.—A. Smith, $25; Allen, $50.64; Boaz, $54.59; Bennett, $25.08; Boylan, $42.05; Boston Immigrant, $15.10; Boston Medical Mission, $23; Bradley, $5; Brewster, $28; Chinese, $41.05; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $5; Dulce, $25; Emerson, $25; E. L. Rust, $25; F. DePauw, $15; Fisk, $9.60; Harwood, $54.88; Haven, $10; Japanese, $15; Kent, $7; King, $50; Marcy, $50; Mothers' Jewels Home, $25.60; Navajo, $15; Porto Rico, $29.19; Peck, $35; Pawnee, $10; Ponca, $10; Ritter, $25; San Francisco Training-school, $25; Simpson, $25; Stickney, $49.74; Tucson, $26.48; Thayer, $25; Utah, $50.68; Watts de Peyster, $24.85; Browning, $25. Total Special Fund, $1,002.53.

Grand Total Cash, $5,955.09.

By vouchers, $499.95.

Utah Conference.

Mrs. J. R. Bowdle, Treasurer, Salt Lake City, Utah.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $24.85; Silver offering, $24.
Total General Fund, $48.85.

STUDENT AID.—Mothers' Jewels Home, $50. Total Student Aid, $50.

SPECIAL FUND.—Elsinore, for organ, $10; Hawaii, $7.10; Maroni, for organ, $23. Total Special Fund, $40.10.

Grand Total Cash, $138.95.

By vouchers, $8.75.

Vermont Conference.

Miss Alice Farnham, Treasurer, Copperfield, Vt.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $727.95; Printing, $1; Thank-offering, $85.50; Silver offering, $279.39. Total General Fund, $1,093.84.

STUDENT AID.—Boylan, $6; Kent, $40; L. W. Hayes, $50; Mothers' Jewels Home, $3; New Jersey, $40; Ritter, $40; Stickney, $40; Thayer, $30. Total Student Aid, $249.

SPECIAL FUND.—Boylan, $14; Boston Medical Mission, $25; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $3; Japanese, $11; Thayer, $10.
Total Special Fund, $63.

Grand Total Cash, $1,405.84.

By vouchers, $259.83.

Virginia Conference.

Mrs. W. L. Bishop, Treasurer, Washington, D. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $13; Collection, $49; Life members, $40.
Total General Fund, $102.

Grand Total Cash, $102

(NOTE.—Organization recently dissolved.)

Washington Conference.

Mrs. Fannie Clair, Treasurer, Washington, D. C.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $263.65; Collection, $1; Silver offering, $132.31.
Total General Fund, $396.96.

STUDENT AID.—Kent, $40; Thayer, $60. Total Student Aid, $100.
Grand Total Cash, $496.96.
By vouchers, $73.75.

West Nebraska Conference.

Mrs. E. Smith, Treasurer, Indianola, Neb.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $87.87; Collection, $4; Thank-offering, $2.85; Silver offering, $35. Total General Fund, $129.72.
SPECIAL FUND.—Chinese, $1; E. Dee, $10; Mothers' Jewels Home, $46. Total Special Fund, $57.
Grand Total Cash, $186.72.

West Texas Conference.

Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, Treasurer, San Antonio, Texas.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $89.55; Printing, 65 cents; Salary, $50.45; Silver offering, $31.30. Total General Fund, $171.95.
STUDENT AID.—E. Dee, $21. Total Student Aid, $21.
SPECIAL FUND.—E. Dee, $125.18. Total Special Fund, $125.18.
Grand Total Cash, $318.13.

West Virginia Conference.

Mrs. H. F. Jones, Treasurer, Wheeling, W. Va.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $268.70; Collection, $17; Printing, $1; Silver offering, $231.05. Total General Fund, $517.75.
STUDENT AID.—Bradley, $5; Boaz, $20; Chinese, $10; E. L. Rust, $5; Jesse Lee, $10; L. W. Hayes, $5. Total Student Aid, $55.
SPECIAL FUND.—Cunningham, $5; Navajo, $10; Thompson Rest, $3. Total Special Fund, $18.
Grand Total Cash, $590.75.
By vouchers, $1,213.87.

West Wisconsin Conference.

Mrs. I. D. Wiltrout, Treasurer, Eau Claire, Wis.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $411.46; Thank-offering, $16.64; Mite-boxes, $13.52; Printing, 50 cents; Silver Offering, $107.80.
Total General Fund, $549.92.
STUDENT AID.—Community Schools, $5; Harwood, $50; Jesse Lee, $30; L. W. Hayes, $15; Mitchell, $13; Porto Rico, $15; Ritter, $30.
Total Student Aid, $158.
SPECIAL FUND.—Hawaii, $105; Settlement work, $4.60; San Francisco Emergency, $12. Total Special Fund, $121.60.
Grand Total Cash, $829.52.
By vouchers, $29.01.

Wilmington Conference.

Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Treasurer, Wilmington, Del.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $1,026.20; Mite-boxes, $21.73; Printing, $2.75; Salary, $50; Silver offering, $693.49. Total General Fund, $1,794.17.
STUDENT AID.—Chinese, $25; L. W. Hayes, $100; Ponca, $10; San Francisco Training-school, $25; Thayer, $18.50; Watts de Peyster, $40.
Total Student Aid, $218.50.

SPECIAL FUND.—Bancroft Rest, $44; Chinese, $29.25; Harwood, $22.35; Haven, $10; Immigrants, $25; Japanese, $30; Jesse Lee, $5; L. W. Hayes, $10; Porto Rico, $40.60; Ritter, $10; Stickney, $22; Thayer, $42.25.
Total Special Fund, $290.45.

Grand Total Cash, $2,303.12.
By vouchers, $25.

Wisconsin Conference.

Mrs. Josephine Eversz, Treasurer, Watertown, Wis.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $231.77; Mite-boxes, $18.97; Printing, 50 cents; Silver offering, $130.56. Total General Fund, $381.80.
STUDENT AID.—Boaz, $5; Mothers' Jewels Home, $1; Stickney, $5; Thayer, $40. Total Student Aid, $51.
SPECIAL FUND.—Boaz, $13.47; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $12.90; Marcy, $15; Stickney, $6.96. Total Special Fund, $48.33.

Grand Total Cash, $481.13.
By vouchers, $75.75.

Wyoming Conference.

Mrs. A. W. Clinton, Treasurer, Binghamton, N. Y.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $2,097.15; Thank-offering, $50.20; Printing, $11.50; Mite-boxes, $23.57; Life member, $20; Silver Offering, $1,386.13.
Total General Fund, $3,588.55.
STUDENT AID.—Allen, $54.12; Boaz, $55; Bennett, $120; Boylan, $30; Chinese, $30; E. Dee, $10; Deaconess work, $45; Harwood, $85; Jesse Lee, $74.28; L. W. Hayes, $21; Mothers' Jewels Home, $33.20; Mitchell, $4.38; Porto Rico, $15; Stickney, $20; Thayer, $10; Watts de Peyster, $18.23; Ritter, $40; Student Aid, $7.41. Total Student Aid, $672.62.
SPECIAL FUND.—Allen $25; Boston Immigrant, $25; Bennett, $135; Browning, $25; Chinese, $100; Children's San Francisco Emergency, $24.86; Haven, $25; Harwood, $102.73; Japanese, $4,128.45; L. W. Hayes, $95; Mothers' Jewels Home, $15; New York Immigrant, $25; Navajo, $15; Ponca, $10; Ritter, $20; Sibley Hospital, $10; Thayer, $15; Watts de Peyster, $50; Utah, $25. Total Special Fund, $4,871.04.

Grand Total Cash, $9,132.21.
By vouchers, $100.

Wyoming Mission.

Mrs. G. W. McCreery, Treasury, Rawlins, Wyo.

GENERAL FUND.—Dues, $53; Printing, 50 cents.
Total General Fund, $53.50.
STUDENT AID.—Japanese, $5. Total Student Aid, $5.

Grand Total Cash, $58.50.

Other Sources.

GENERAL FUND.—*Conference Collections:* Central Tennessee, $31; Chicago German, $45; Blue Ridge, $34; Indian Territory, $8; Kalispell, $5; Mobile, $1; Nevada, $6; North Montana, $2; Norway, Danish, $6; St. Louis German, $28; Upper Mississippi, $5; Porto Rico, $20.
Total Conference Collections, $191.
MISCELLANEOUS.—*Office Earnings:* Cincinnati, $148.26; New York,

$650; Rent, Brooklyn property, $163.69; Mite-boxes, $29.45; Dividend on Investments, $260.59; Royalty "Under Our Flag," $23.50; Miscellaneous, $268.75; Silver offering, $190.12. Total General Fund, $1,925.36.

STUDENT AID.—Allen, $10; Jesse Lee from quilt, $57.
Total Student Aid, $67.

SPECIAL FUND.—Insurance from Browning, $19.50; Mothers' Jewels Home, $2,725; Miscellaneous, $259.74; from sale of property in Salt Lake City, $4,703.06. Total Special Fund, $7,707.30.

Grand Total Cash, $9,699.66.

Received from Publisher of Home Missions, $2,750.

Grand Totals from Conferences, Cash.....$243,651.40
Grand Totals from Conferences, by vouchers.....$132,182.54.

BEQUESTS RECEIVED DURING YEAR 1905-1906.

Miss Maria S. Phillips, Ionia, Mich., Michigan Conference....	$1.102 52
Mrs. Sarah Mather, Athol, Mass., New England Conference..	685 91
Mrs. Leah J. Locke, Crete, Neb., Nebraska Conference.....	100 00
Mr. Levi Tippin, Manhattan, Kas., Kansas Conference.....	236 25
Mr. Menasseh Arnold, Clarion, Pa., Erie Conference.....	71 42
Mrs. Alice Chipman, Petoskey, Mich., Michigan Conference...	500 00
Rev. Abner Howard, St. Johnsbury, Vt., Vermont Conference..	95 00
Mr. Perley M. Ladd, Aitkin, Minn., N. Minnesota Conference.	220 00
Mrs. Nancy Lawrence, Watseka, Ill., Cent. Illinois Conference.	10,000 00
Mrs. C. Dickerman, Brooklyn, N. Y., New York East Conf..	286 89
Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Dayton, Ohio, Cincinnati Conference....	360 20
	$13,658 19

ANNUITY FUNDS RECEIVED.

On which Annual Interest is Paid.

Previously reported	$44,696 19
A Friend	1,532 50
A Friend	406 15
A Friend	1,000 00
	$47,634 84
Annuitants died during year.....	500 00
	$47,134 84

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Previously reported	$31,140 57
Mrs. Simeon Farwell, Evanston, Ill.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Adella M. Tingley, Providence, R. I.....	5,000 00
	$37,140 57

NOTE.—The above funds are gifts upon which the Society agrees to pay in perpetuity interest for the support of the object named by the donor.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS—Year 1905-1906.

CONFERENCES.	GENERAL FUND.		SILVER OFFERING.	STUDENT AID.		SPECIAL FUND.		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL.
	Cash.	Voucher.		Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	
Alabama	$99 00	.....	$41 24	$15 00	.....	.....	$10 00	$155 24	$10 00	$165 24
Arkansas	31 00	.....	5 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 16	.....	36 16
Atlanta	143 30	.....	10 00	69 00	$12 50	$12 00	.....	234 30	12 50	246 80
Austin	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
Baltimore	2,433 35	$723 54	1,335 34	1,161 63	170 00	2,860 55	11,977 14	7,790 87	12,870 68	20,661 55
California	1,009 84	274 10	919 65	10 00	205 61	90 00	6,025 79	2,029 49	6,505 50	8,534 99
Central Alabama	40 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 70	.....	40 70
Central Illinois	1,325 00	157 92	1,442 71	306 94	443 50	393 50	315 00	3,468 15	916 42	4,384 57
Central Missouri	78 25	.....	102 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 75	.....	180 75
Central New York	2,739 02	59 11	1,689 18	945 01	116 00	339 20	20 00	5,712 41	195 11	5,907 57
Central Ohio	3,125 04	32 31	3,056 69	408 25	.....	1,401 46	1,277 72	7,991 44	1,310 03	9,301 42
Central Pennsylvania	1,632 50	73 43	1,467 25	1,390 80	.....	282 00	.....	4,772 55	73 43	4,845 98
Cincinnati	2,608 54	207 83	2,030 89	994 26	.....	987 78	1,522 30	6,621 47	1,730 13	8,351 60
Colorado	600 61	363 27	431 14	72 00	5 00	61 30	9,891 83	1,165 00	10,260 10	11,425 15
Columbia River	268 10	2 00	17 00	.....	.....	15 60	25 00	300 70	27 00	327 70
Delaware	62 02	.....	17 50	32 00	.....	.....	.....	111 52	.....	111 52
Des Moines	1,425 10	272 68	1,967 79	438 20	.....	344 87	2,399 07	4,175 96	2,671 75	6,847 71
Detroit	2,491 29	2,212 43	4,738 56	996 00	363 94	4,340 00	5,284 69	12,565 85	7,861 06	20,426 91
East Maine	85 50	21 30	12 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	101 50	21 30	122 80
East Ohio	2,965 01	43 71	2,016 74	1,664 01	100 00	1,601 40	1,590 55	8,247 16	1,734 26	9,981 42
East Tennessee	49 90	.....	6 00	.....	24 00	.....	.....	55 90	24 00	79 90
East Swedish	18 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	128 00	.....	128 00
Erie	2,932 75	50 61	1,813 81	650 98	105 00	1,147 15	53 23	6,544 69	208 84	6,753 53
Florida	56 63	.....	31 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 92	.....	87 92
Genesee	2,325 20	22 85	1,737 81	418 23	5 00	431 94	5,187 58	4,913 18	5,215 43	10,128 61
Gulf	75 40	.....	10 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 70	.....	85 70
Holston	340 00	8 60	289 41	24 00	.....	50 00	61 33	703 41	69 93	773 34
Idaho	21 85	.....	4 25	30 00	.....	.....	.....	56 10	.....	56 10
Illinois	1,734 77	5 70	674 05	377 63	.....	334 00	4,187 80	3,120 45	4,193 50	7,313 95
Indiana	2,191 69	.....	773 15	659 50	.....	498 00	185 25	4,122 34	185 25	4,307 59
Iowa	1,413 38	35 97	921 04	285 90	.....	525 25	6,333 92	3,145 57	6,369 89	9,515 46
Kansas	824 21	45 97	511 06	350 00	2 50	390 48	30 00	2,075 75	78 47	2,154 22
Kentucky	288 23	25 60	313 15	138 00	.....	22 50	.....	761 88	25 60	787 48
Lexington	322 92	.....	17 25	33 47	.....	.....	.....	373 64	.....	373 64
Little Rock	138 82	.....	77 50	12 00	.....	.....	35 00	228 32	35 00	263 32
Louisiana	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00	.....	32 00
Maine	641 74	166 40	235 81	154 82	.....	11 25	1,656 73	1,043 62	1,823 13	2,866 75

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

CONFERENCES.	GENERAL FUND.		SILVER OFFERING.	STUDENT AID.		SPECIAL FUND.		TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.
	Cash.	Voucher.		Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	
Michigan	$2,251 28	$530 44	$1,686 31	$675 04	.....	$709 50	$94 08	$5,322 13	$624 52	$5,946 65
Minnesota	304 65	352 31	580 46	488 38	.....	363 78	24 00	1,737 27	376 31	2,113 58
Mississippi	69 00	.....	69 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 00	.....	138 00
Missouri	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
Montana	71 28	.....	55 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	127 03	.....	127 03
Nebraska	1,203 00	59 05	234 78	336 95	$25 00	40 92	.....	1,815 65	84 05	1,899 70
Newark	2,310 57	.....	2,080 86	1,134 91	49 00	548 71	3,622 58	6,075 05	3,671 58	9,746 63
New England	2,009 33	348 62	1,541 48	602 28	.....	500 41	1,735 00	4,653 50	2,083 62	6,737 12
New England Southern	1,545 97	9 00	698 87	650 29	.....	262 35	136 04	3,157 48	145 04	3,302 52
New Hampshire	694 39	1 20	389 10	305 86	5 00	127 72	.....	1,517 07	6 20	1,523 27
New Jersey	2,061 24	86 73	1,978 45	603 76	40 00	352 08	74 25	4,995 53	200 98	5,196 51
New Mexico English	64 45	2 28	4 75	26 48	.....	73 28	5 50	168 96	7 78	176 74
New Mexico Spanish	29 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 15	.....	29 15
New York	1,328 37	.....	965 50	1,604 25	108 95	590 59	115 00	4,488 71	223 95	4,712 66
New York East	1,955 60	.....	879 30	1,115 82	15 00	362 00	6,009 48	4,312 72	6,024 48	10,337 20
North Carolina	52 59	.....	10 50	.....	50 00	.....	.....	63 00	50 00	113 00
North Dakota	263 06	184 59	87 70	230 00	.....	64 32	.....	645 08	184 59	829 67
North Indiana	2,562 06	68 25	2,427 39	935 14	50 00	1,224 20	71 65	7,148 79	189 90	7,338 69
North Nebraska	823 38	27 39	657 71	248 75	65 00	240 00	.....	1,969 84	92 39	2,062 23
North Ohio	1,587 27	161 50	952 23	359 58	61 50	632 11	4,694 25	3,531 19	4,917 25	8,448 44
Northern Minnesota	761 57	301 03	605 52	823 71	.....	217 59	307 04	2,408 39	608 07	3,016 46
Northern New York	2,968 97	41 31	1,892 10	810 85	76 57	357 57	195 60	6,029 49	313 48	6,342 97
Northwest Indiana	1,160 54	58 27	1,104 65	284 65	52 50	656 68	.....	3,206 52	110 77	3,317 29
Northwest Iowa	1,648 71	73 70	853 69	231 35	5 00	141 75	2,590 33	2,875 50	2,669 03	5,544.53
Northwest Kansas	134 06	23 00	99 01	14 00	.....	8 55	108 00	255 62	131 00	386 62
Northwest Nebraska	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Ohio	2,414 64	281 91	2,092 09	786 40	22 00	1,135 76	873 60	6,428 89	1,177 51	7,606 40
Oklahoma	45 83	.....	33 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 75	.....	79 75
Oregon	333 64	202 63	417 17	5 00	.....	.....	100 00	755 81	302 63	1,058 44
Philadelphia	1,368 81	154 77	2,519 25	884 76	.....	690 14	16,314 37	5,462 96	16,469 14	21,932 10
Pittsburg	2,727 57	.....	2,654 83	614 50	261 50	1,239 85	5,395 50	7,236 75	5,657 00	12,893 75
Puget Sound	653 60	383 45	260 40	522 44	67 00	147 97	.....	1,584 41	450 45	2,034 86
Rock River	3,688 50	30 86	3,181 68	1,419 03	217 00	1,694 67	134 75	9,983 88	382 61	10,366 49
St. Louis	535 79	10 00	227 40	216 65	.....	222 80	1,199 45	1,202 64	1,209 45	2,412 09
St. John's River	5 55	.....	14 44	.....	.....	10 00	.....	29 99	.....	29 99
Southern California	1,854 46	881 00	2,564 47	669 77	156 00	215 63	12,368 26	5,304 33	13,405 26	18,709 59
Southern Illinois	585 04	133 54	415 90	203 99	.....	211 02	455 71	1,415 95	589 25	2,005 20

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—*Continued.*

CONFERENCES.	GENERAL FUND.		SILVER OFFERING.	STUDENT AID.		SPECIAL FUND.		TOTAL.		GRAND TOTAL.
	Cash.	Voucher.		Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	
South Kansas	$418 72	$35 78	$289 64	$100 00	$28 00	$58 00	$87 15	$866 36	$150 93	$1,017 29
South Carolina	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	.....	33 00
Dakota	21 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	21 00	25 00	46 00
Savannah	48 00	2 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 00	2 00	65 00
Southwest Kansas	1,307 41	320 88	1,033 78	586 00	226 50	119 00	912 60	3,046 19	1,459 98	4,506 17
Texas	154 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 70	154 41	47 70	202 11
Troy	2,388 84	13 51	889 87	858 84	119 00	1,509 38	1,291 91	5,646 93	1,424 42	7,071 35
Tennessee	13 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 16	.....	13 16
Upper Iowa	2,174 13	128 55	2,318 50	459 93	93 30	1,002 53	278 10	5,955 09	499 95	6,455 04
Utah	24 85	.....	24 00	50 00	.....	40 10	8 75	138 95	8 75	147 70
Vermont	814 45	61 83	279 39	249 00	60 00	63 00	138 00	1,405 84	259 83	1,665 67
Virginia	102 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102 00	.....	102 00
Washington	264 65	19 75	132 31	100 00	.....	.....	54 00	496 96	73 75	570 71
West Nebraska	94 72	.....	35 00	.....	.....	57 00	.....	186 72	.....	186 72
West Texas	140 65	.....	31 30	21 00	.....	125 18	.....	318 13	.....	318 13
West Virginia	286 70	.....	231 05	55 00	.....	18 00	1,213 87	590 75	1,213 87	1,804 62
West Wisconsin	442 12	29 01	107 80	158 00	.....	121 60	.....	829 52	29 01	858 53
Wilmington	1,100 68	.....	693 49	218 50	.....	290 45	25 00	2,303 12	25 00	2,328 12
Wisconsin	251 24	75 75	130 56	51 00	.....	48 33	.....	481 13	75 75	556 88
Wyoming	2,202 42	.....	1,386 13	672 62	100 00	4,871 04	.....	9,132 21	100 00	9,232 21
Wyoming Mission	53 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	58 50	.....	58 50
Other Sources	1,735 24	.....	190 12	67 00	.....	7,707 30	.....	9,699 66	.....	9,699 66
Monthly Publication	2,750 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,750 00	.....	2,750 00
Total from Conferences	$95,488 38	$9,899 22	$70,751 82	$32,094 11	3,531 87	$45,317 09	118,751 45	$243,651 40	132,182 54	$375,833 94
Annuities	2,938 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,938 65	.....	2,938 65
Bequests	13,658 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,658 19	.....	13,658 19
Endowments	6,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000 00	.....	6,000 00
Bills payable	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,504 17	.....	13,504 17	.....	13,504 17
Cash balance from last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	732 92	.....	732 92	.....	732 92
Total receipts	$118,085 22	$9,899 22	$70,751 82	$32,094 11	3,531 87	$59,554 18	118,751 45	$280,485 33	132,182 54	$412,667 87

Grand Total—Cash and Cash Vouchers.....**$399,163 70**

Cash borrowed during the year..... 13,504 17

EXPENDITURES.—August 1, 1905, to July 31, 1906.

	Salary.	Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Haven Home	$1,840 00	$123 00	$500 00	.....	$423 00	$22 50	$1,000 00	$187 50	$3,886 00	$210 00
Mary Haven Home	420 00	60 80	200 00	.....	55 00	20 00	.....	.....	735 80	20 00
Thayer Home	1,880 00	60 00	400 00	.....	654 98	113 00	144 25	.....	3,139 23	113 00
Boylan Home	2,240 00	496 32	660 00	.....	557 17	.....	.....	42 50	3,953 49	42 50
Settlement Work	480 00	116 00	207 60	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	803 60	30 00
Brewster N. Training-school	184 00	36 95	346 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	566 95	5 00
Emerson Home	940 00	247 08	350 00	.....	298 35	5 00	.....	3 00	1,835 43	8 00
Allen Home	1,420 00	152 19	900 00	.....	430 03	32 00	1,226 36	25 00	4,128 58	57 00
Browning Home	1,905 00	316 42	500 00	.....	347 00	.....	.....	5 00	3,068 42	5 00
Simpson School	1,030 00	185 88	500 00	.....	49 00	.....	.....	.....	1,764 88	.....
Kent Home	520 00	40 35	200 00	.....	250 00	50 00	75 00	36 00	1,085 35	86 00
New Jersey Home	600 00	58 21	200 00	.....	199 53	159 00	.....	8 95	1,057 74	167 95
Ritter Home	552 50	11 45	170 00	.....	1,058 00	29 00	6,298 25	.....	8,090 20	29 00
Bennett Home	675 00	82 55	.....	.....	280 75	60 00	380 90	11 35	1,419 20	71 25
Bennett Academy	1,440 00	297 96	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,787 96	.....
Dickson Hall	315 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170 25	94 25	485 25	94 25
E. L. Rust Home	680 00	80 99	250 00	.....	71 80	53 50	.....	.....	1,082 79	53 50
A. Smith Home	640 00	.....	600 00	.....	838 72	171 57	.....	.....	2,078 72	171 57
New Orleans	420 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	420 00	.....
Peck School	440 00	168 40	195 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	803 40	30 00
King Home	1,240 00	163 33	278 20	47 70	67 25	.....	.....	.....	1,748 78	47 70
Eliza Dee Home	580 00	107 40	.....	.....	156 83	.....	75 00	.....	919 23	.....
Utah: Elsinore	509 98	.....	105 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	615 49	.....
Moroni	663 98	.....	160 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	824 55	.....
Logan	300 00	.....	129 62	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	429 62	5 00
Provo	300 00	.....	164 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	464 90	.....
Mt. Pleasant	325 00	.....	24 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	349 30	.....
Utah Bureau	.....	.....	350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00	.....
Spring City	360 00	.....	98 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	458 00	.....
Murray	33 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 32	.....
Salt Lake City	424 00	.....	844 99	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,268 99	3 75
Harwood Home	1,119 99	83 00	500 00	.....	1,200 00	286 00	1,657 13	211 50	4,560 12	497 50
Tucson, Arizona	290 00	.....	1,073 00	92 30	.....	.....	.....	10 50	1,363 00	102 80
Porto Rico McKinley School	967 50	190 00	300 00	50 00	575 00	.....	.....	.....	2,032 50	50 00
Robinson Orphanage	931 71	.....	1,400 00	.....	680 00	150 75	9,500 00	.....	12,511 71	150 75
Settlement	360 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00	.....
Hawaii	.....	.....	900 00	.....	313 00	52 50	2,506 62	11 00	3,719 62	63 50
Att'y Services, San Francisco	.....	.....	480 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	480 00	.....
Japanese, San Francisco	.....	.....	1,900 00	.....	926 47	51 10	4,360 85	538 90	7,187 32	590 00

EXPENDITURES.—*Continued.*

	Salary.	Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Japanese, So. California			$300 00						$300 00	
Chinese, So. California			300 00						300 00	
Chinese San Francisco			2,503 50	60 00	$1,196 67	$172 01	$1,059 94	$1,647 80	4,760 11	$1,879 81
Children's S. F. Emer'cy F'd.							1,439 81	1,577 36	1,439 81	1,577 36
Frances DePauw School			1,500 00		943 65	15 00		3,433 52	2,443 65	3,448 52
Boaz Ala.	$640 00	$74 35			858 61	370 55	1,495 35	372 10	3,068 31	742 65
Mitchell Home	700 00	177 79	250 10		213 00				1,340 89	
Community Schools			260 00	1 00					260 00	1 00
American Highlanders	195 70								195 70	
Indian and Finnish Work							13 78	307 04	13 78	307 04
Dulce, N. Mexico	760 00	129 85	429 10	40 00	153 00				1,471 95	40 00
Farmington, N. Mexico	1,230 00	15 75	600 00		387 00		705 13	25 50	2,937 88	25 50
Stickney Home	1,080 00	50 00	575 00	25 00	1,193 00	47 00			2,898 00	72 00
Ukiah, California	200 00			5 00					200 00	5 00
Pawnee, Okla.	280 00		107 82						387 82	
Yakima			30 00	25 00					30 00	25 00
Ponca	480 00		124 16						604 16	
Pottawatomie	500 00		50 00	10 00					550 00	10 00
Jesse Lee Home	1,579 96		545 80		2,230 61	249 00	262 92		4,619 29	249 00
New York Immigrant			1,940 00				2,500 00	180 00	4,440 00	180 00
Boston Immigrant			1,159 85	300 00					1,159 85	300 00
Boston Medical Mission			761 25	1,405 00					761 25	1,405 00
Philadelphia Immigrant			247 00						247 00	
E. A. Bradley Home							139 60	2,285 71	139 60	2,285 71
Mothers' Jewels Home	1,200 00		1,350 00		1,358 11	181 00			3,908 11	181 00
Watts de Peyster Home			3,600 00		2,004 15	330 95	1,865 25	35 00	7,469 40	365 95
Glenn Home							50 00	1,509 30	50 00	1,509 30
Marcy Home			2,100 00				714 71	119 75	2,814 71	119 75
Lucy Webb Hayes School	3,100 00		5,600 00		2,864 65	961 44			11,564 65	961 44
Sibley Hospital							1,000 00	2,571 02	1,000 00	2,571 02
Rust Hall							159 60	723 72	159 60	723 72
Fisk Training-school			2,000 00		598 16	254 50	13 04	1,318 60	2,611 20	1,573 10
San Francisco Training-school	1,999 98		2,570 00	4,321 34					4,569 98	4,321 34
Cunningham Deaconess Home			429 87	4,051 08					429 87	4,051 08
Deaconess Work							6,054 98	89,906 13	6,054 98	89,906 13
Frontier Work			145 71	5,042 22				215 50	145 71	5,257 72
Contingent Fund				3,905 83						3,905 83
Totals	$40,972 62	$3,526 02	$44,416 85	$19,455 22	$23,432 49	$3,837 37	$44,868 72	107,413 40	157,216 70	130,705 99

	GENERAL.		TOTALS.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Miscellaneous:				
Secretaries:				
Bureau	$904 06	$37 25		
Corresponding	1,107 18			
Field	1,267 77			
Recording	501 20			
Treasurer	462 00			
Deaconess Bureau	706 60			
Totals, Secretaries			$4,948 81	$37 25
Organizers	5,005 73	1,215 14	5,005 73	1,215 14
Printing:				
Annual Reports	1,672 27			
Blanks, etc	1,660 43			
Totals, Printing			3,332 70	
Offices:				
Boston	275 00			
Chicago	1,040 00			
Cincinnati	1,682 20			
Delaware	807 55			
Detroit	695 46			
New York	3,511 82			
Treasurer	811 77			
Total, Offices			8,823 80	
Interest on Notes and Annuities	11,511 75		11,511 75	
Miscellaneous	2,019 63	140 12	2,019 63	140 12
Notes paid during year	84,600 00		84,600 00	
Insurance	1,348 45		1,348 45	
Expenses, Annual Meeting	227 17	84 04	227 17	84 04
Total	$121,818 04	$1,476 55	$121,818 04	$1,476 55

Total Expenditures, by Cash and Vouchers	$326,617 28
Notes paid during the year	84,600 00
Cash balance, July 31, 1906	1,450 59

GENERAL SUMMARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending July 31, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance, August 1, 1905		$732 92
General Fund: Cash	$95,488 38	
Vouchers	9,899 22	
		105,387 60
Silver Offering		70,751 82
Student Aid: Cash	32,094 11	
Vouchers	3,531 87	
		35,625 98
Special Fund: Cash	45,317 09	
Vouchers	118,751 45	
		164,068 54
Annuities: Cash		2,938 65
Bequests: Cash		13,658 19
Endowments: Cash		6,000 00
Total receipts		$399,163 70
Cash borrowed during year		13,504 17
		$412,667 87

EXPENDITURES.

General Fund:		
Salaries and Expenses of Homes: Cash	$88,915 49	
Vouchers	19,455 22	
		$108,370 71
For Carrying on Work: Cash	37,218 04	
Vouchers	1,476 55	
		38,694 59
Student Aid: Cash	23,432 49	
Vouchers	3,837 37	
		27,269 86
Special Fund: Cash	44,868 72	
Vouchers	107,413 40	
		152,282 12
Total Expenditures		$326,617 28
Cash balance, July 31, 1906		1,450 59
Notes paid during year		84,600 00
		$412,667 87

Receipts from all sources, 1905-1906:	
Cash and Cash vouchers, through General Treasurer	$399,163 70
Cash borrowed during year	13,504 17
Value of supplies, frontier and local	53,209 15
Total	$465,877 02

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets:

Estimated Value of Buildings and Grounds:		
Southern States	$200,000 00	
Utah, exclusive of Salt Lake City	12,000 00	
New Mexico and Oklahoma	30,000 00	
Pacific Coast	32,000 00	
City Missions	200,000 00	
Porto Rico	15,000 00	
Deaconess Homes	686,008 00	
Other Real Estate (Indians, etc.)	17,000 00	
		$1,192,008 00
Endowment Funds Invested:		
Browning Home (bonds)	$10,000 00	
Ritter Home	700 00	
Sibley Hospital	1,000 00	
Watts de Peyster	200 00	
Deaconess Homes	14,297 57	
		26,197 57
Delaware Savings Bank (special deposit)	$859 20	
Adams Express Co. (7 shares)	1,575 00	
Columbus Gas Stock (20 shares)	2,000 00	
Ohio Building & Loan Co. (20 shares)	1,194 50	
Con. Gold, Copper & Coal Co. (1,000 shares)	1,000 00	
Cash balance in Treasury	1,450 59	
		8,079 29
Total		$1,226,284 86

Liabilities:

Bills Payable (notes owed by the Society)		$90,943 29
Endowment Fund: Previously reported	$6,117 97	
Mrs. Simeon Farwell	1,000 00	
Mrs. Adella Tingley	5,000 00	
		12,117 97
Debt on Deaconess Property, exclusive of debt on Rust Hall ($20,000), which appears in bills payable		55,475 00
		$158,536 26

The Society has received to date Annuity Funds amounting to $47,134.84, on which interest is being paid.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DEACONESS HOMES.

Aldrich Memorial:

Receipts—Balance, 1905	$1 90	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	3,272 27	
	$3,274 17	
Disbursements	1,408 65	
Balance, 1906		$1,865 52

Baltimore:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$3,776 23	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,427 38	
	$5,203 61	
Disbursements	3,976 46	
Balance, 1906		1,227 15
Bancroft Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$276 52	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	5,268 00	
	$5,544 52	
Disbursements	5,068 00	
Balance, 1906		476 52
Barre, Vt.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$300 00	
Disbursements	300 00	
Bidwell:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$137 11	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	2,361 28	
	$2,498 39	
Disbursements	2,464 81	
Balance, 1906		33 58
Brooklyn:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$5,985 98	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	309 68	
	$6,295 66	
Disbursements	5,784 98	
Balance, 1906		510 68
Caroline Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$70 89	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	15 00	
	$85 89	
Disbursements	77 89	
Balance, 1906		8 00
Chattanooga, Tenn.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$600 00	
Disbursements	600 00	

Cleveland:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$171 15	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	5,709 35	
	$5,880 50	
Disbursements	5,602 75	
Balance, 1906		277 75
Colorado Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$4 53	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	2,794 81	
	$2,799 34	
Disbursements	2,798 22	
Balance, 1906		1 12
Colorado Springs Sanitarium:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$6,997 02	
Disbursements	7,322 84	
Deficit, 1906		325 82
Cunningham:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$388 69	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	4,430 95	
	$4,819 64	
Disbursements	4,836 23	
Deficit, 1906		16 59
Davis:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$26 17	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,325 83	
	$1,352 00	
Disbursements	1,366 75	
Deficit, 1906		14 75
Detroit:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$15 55	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	4,233 39	
	$4,248 94	
Disbursements	4,169 69	
Balance, 1906		79 25
Elvira Olney Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$101 00	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	569 11	
	$670 11	
Disbursements	487 55	
Balance, 1906		182 56

Fisk:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$671 56	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	3,960 22	
	$4,631 78	
Disbursements	4,300 41	
Balance, 1906		331 37
Franklin, Pa.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$385 40	
Disbursements	385 40	
Genesee Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$5,195 08	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	3,282 99	
	$8,478 07	
Disbursements	4,985 45	
Balance, 1906		3,492 62
Graham:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$5,543 75	
Disbursements	5,550 23	
Deficit, 1906		6 48
Hazelton, Pa.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$193 60	
Disbursements	193 60	
Holloway:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$314 97	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,617 53	
	$1,932 50	
Disbursements	1,575 70	
Balance, 1906		356 80
Jersey City:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$55 60	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	2,011 43	
	$2,067 03	
Disbursements	1,855 04	
Balance, 1906		211 99
Knoxville, Tenn.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and others sources.	$289 03	
Disbursements	289 03	

Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school and Sibley Memorial Hospital:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$572 13	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	42,152 66	
	$42,724 79	
Disbursements	42,509 79	
Balance, 1906		215 00
Marion, Ohio:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$360 00	
Disbursements	360 00	
Mt. Carmel, Pa.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$292 00	
Disbursements	292 00	
Mt. Vernon, Ill.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$230 00	
Disbursements	230 00	
New Castle, Pa.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$230 09	
Disbursements	230 09	
Newark, N. J.:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$555 97	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,438 15	
	$1,994 12	
Disbursements	1,472 81	
Balance, 1906		521 31
New Haven, Conn.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$1,138 65	
Disbursements	877 67	
Balance, 1906		260 98
Ohio Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$181 37	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,823 57	
	$2,004 94	
Disbursements	1,754 70	
Balance, 1906		250 24

Open Door Mission and E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$25 05	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,240 77	
	$1,265 82	
Disbursements	1,218 12	
Balance, 1906		47 70
Philadelphia:		
Receipts—Deficit, 1905	$832 73	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	14,559 04	
	$13,726 31	
Disbursements	13,624 93	
Balance, 1906		101 38
Pittsburg:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$581 05	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	2,569 79	
	$3,150 84	
Disbursements	2,761 98	
Balance, 1906		388 86
Portland, Me.:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$83 20	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,694 80	
	$1,778 00	
Disbursements	1,740 62	
Balance, 1906		37 38
San Francisco, Cal.:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$1,138 88	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	8,671 34	
	$9,810 22	
Disbursements	9,005 77	
Balance, 1906		804 45
Shesler:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$268 35	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	2,607 08	
	$2,893 43	
Disbursements	2,701 45	
Balance, 1906		191 98

Southern California Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$365 55	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	3,725 24	
	$4,090 79	
Disbursements	4,016 77	
Balance, 1906		74 02
Southern Illinois Conference:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$352 00	
Disbursements	352 00	
Southwest Kansas Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$492 22	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	912 15	
	$1,404 37	
Disbursements	1,404 37	
Springfield, Ill.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$350 00	
Disbursements	350 00	
Toledo:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$127 86	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	1,907 02	
	$2,034 88	
Disbursements	2,122 91	
Deficit, 1906		88 03
Thompson Rest Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$69 18	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	704 97	
	$774 15	
Disbursements	591 23	
Balance, 1906		182 92
Washington:		
Receipts—Balance, 1905	$118 86	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources.	2,885 05	
	$3,003 91	
Disbursements	2,853 58	
Balance, 1906		150 33

Wing Rest Home:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.	$99 70	
Disbursements	84 70	
Balance, 1906		15 00
Total Receipts of Deaconess Homes	$167,790 09	
Total Disbursements Deaconess Homes	155,955 14	
Balance in Treasury	$11,834 95	

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, October 1, 1906.

To the Woman's Home Missionary Society:

YOUR Committee respectfully reports that they have made the usual audit of the treasurer's office, of the books, accounts, securities, and cash, for the fiscal year, ending August 1, 1906. We find them all correct, and the books and accounts carefully and accurately kept. The Treasurer and Accountant have given us every facility and assistance in making the examinations.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1900.

WITH VERBAL CHANGES, AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER, 1901.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the "Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our country, and to co-operate with the other Societies and agencies of the Church in educational, missionary, and deaconess work.

ARTICLE III.—ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. This Society shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. The headquarters and principal office of the Society shall be in the city of Cincinnati. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Managers (twenty-one in all), who together shall constitute the Board of Trustees. There shall also be seven Associate Managers, who, with the Secretaries of Bureaus, shall be entitled to sit with the Board of Trustees and participate in its deliberations.

Sec. 2. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees occurring *ad interim* shall be filled by the Board.

Sec. 3. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held in November, February, May, and September. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and eleven shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be:

(1) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2) To determine all matters referred to it by the Board of Managers.

(3) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 5. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held in the City of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Board of Trustees and such of the following persons as shall be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, viz.: The Associate Managers, the Secretaries of Bureaus, the General Organizers, the Chairmen of Standing Committees appointed or confirmed by the Society at its Annual Meeting, the Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, the Editor of *Children's Home Missions*, the Editor of the Annual Report, and the Corresponding Secretary of and one delegate from each Conference Society.

Sec. 6. The work of the Annual Meeting shall be:

(1) To elect the officers of the Society and the Associate Managers as indicated in Section 1.

(2) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, to receive the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, of Secretaries of Bureaus, of Conference Secretaries, and Standing Committees, to determine the fields of labor, to estimate the needs of the various fields, and to make appropriations for the ensuing year.

(3) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and estimates be in harmony with the Constitution.

Sec. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

Sec. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission-fields, to correspond with the Bureau and Conference Secretaries, and to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Board of Trustees, and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission-fields.

Sec. 9. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society and make a report of the same at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. She shall pay the appropriations made by the Board of Managers, and such bills as the Board of Trustees may approve. The accounts shall be audited by a Committee elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION.

Sec. 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

Sec. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary (who may also be Treasurer), a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of such departments as the Conference may adopt. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, and hold office till others are chosen. The Conference Officers, together with the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the districts shall con-

stitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Executive Board of the Conference Society shall be: To plan for the establishment and growth of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange Anniversary exercises; to transact any other business that the interest of the Society may demand, provided its action be in harmony with this Constitution.

Sec. 4. (1) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary and other officers in organizing and conducting the work.

(2) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to create interest in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference; to conduct the correspondence of the Society; to forward quarterly to the General Corresponding Secretary a statement of the work of the Conference Society (as per blank provided); and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting.

(3) The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive and to forward quarterly to the General Treasurer the funds of the Society.

(4) Special Work. Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the Board of Trustees, raise special funds for the purchase of property, for the building or care of Homes, for the support of teachers, deaconesses, or pupils in the schools or Homes of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate for every twenty members to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, provided that each Auxiliary shall have one delegate.

ARTICLE VI.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership in the Society, and the payment of twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—RELATION TO OTHER BRANCHES OF CHURCH WORK.

Section 1. This Society shall engage in educational, missionary, and deaconess labor, exclusively in our own land, and shall work in harmony with the connectional Societies of the Church.

The missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

Sec. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collection, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular

Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the Treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections, and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the ensuing year, shall be so arranged that its fields of labor, its general plans of work, and its appropriations may be submitted to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church for approval at its Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution, except Article VII, may be amended by the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, three months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in *Woman's Home Missions.*

Amendments to Article VII may be proposed as above, but to become effective must be approved by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The President and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the Society shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A Committee of Five, appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting, and announce the time and place of the meeting in the Church papers.

3. All officers of the Society shall be nominated by ballot, and elected by ballot in open session.

4. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be elected by acclamation by the Board of Managers on nomination by the Board of Trustees. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the body except the vote.

5. The Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions* and of *Children's Home Missions* shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

6. General Organizers shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

7. There shall be the following Standing Committees: On Mothers' Jewels Home, Glenn Home, Marcy Home, Watts de Peyster Home, the several Deaconess Homes, on Rest Homes; Japanese Work on the Pacific

Coast and in the Hawaii Islands; and on Publication, Mite Boxes, and Day of Humiliation and Prayer; the Committees on Homes named, except Rest Homes, shall be nominated by their respective local Boards, and confirmed by the Board of Managers; the Committee on Rest Homes, Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast and in the Hawaii Islands, on Literature, on Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and on Temperance, shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

8. The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers, acting as a Committee of the Whole.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. The mission-fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and such Assistants as are nominated by the Secretary of the Bureau, and elected by the Board of Trustees. The Bureau for Young People's Work shall consist of two Associate Secretaries (one to supervise Young Women's Auxiliaries and Home Mission Circles, the other to supervise Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels), one or more Field Secretaries, and such assistants as are nominated by the Secretaries of the Bureau and elected by the Board of Trustees.

2. Each Bureau shall have the responsibility, in its own field, of executing the plans and applying the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the Board of Trustees.

3. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to supervise the work, secure conformity to the rules for mission work approved by the General Board of Managers, and report quarterly or oftener to the Board of Trustees.

4. The Bureaus shall be: (1) Georgia; (2) Florida; (3) East Central States; (4) West Central States; (5) Mississippi; (6) West Southern States; (7) Texas; (8) White Work in the South; (9) Utah; (10) New Mexico: (11) Arizona (Spanish); (12) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (13) Indian and Frontier Work; (14) Alaska; (15) Immigrants; (16) Eastern Deaconess; (17) Central Deaconess; (18) Western Deaconess; (19) Pacific Coast Deaconess; (20) Bureau for the Supervision of Colored Deaconesses; (21) Chinese Work; (22) Japanese and Corean Work; (23) Porto Rico; (24) Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast; (25) Mission Supplies; (26) Young People's Work; (27) Home Missionary Reading Circle; (28) Systematic Beneficence.

5. The Bureau for Georgia shall supervise the work of the Society in the State of Georgia, and the Bureau for Florida in the State of Florida.

6 The Bureau for the East Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in West North Carolina and South Carolina.

7. The Bureau for the West Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in East North Carolina and Tennessee.

8. The Bureau for Mississippi shall supervise the work of the Society in that State.

9. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall supervise the work of the Society in Louisiana and Arkansas.

10. The Bureau for White Work in the South shall supervise all white work in the South, not otherwise provided for.

11. The Bureau for Texas, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona (Span-

ish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), and Alaska shall supervise the work of the Society in these States and Territories respectively.

12. The Bureau for Indian and Frontier Work shall supervise the work of the Society in Frontier States and Territories which is not included in other Bureaus.

13. The Bureau for Immigrants shall supervise the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial Schools for Immigrant women and girls, in connection with the Atlantic ports of entry.

14. All Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Soociety shall be associated together in a Department of Deaconess Work.

(*a.*) This department shall consist of a General Superintendent, a Field Secretary, a Standing Committee on National Training-schools and Five Bureaus; the Bureaus to be known as the Eastern, Central, Western, Pacific Coast, and Bureau for the supervision of Colored Deaconesses.

(*b.*) The Standing Committee shall supervise the National Training-schools and such Deaconesses of the other Training-schools as are engaged in the general work of the Society.

(*c.*) The Eastern Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, East of the Genesee, Pittsburg, and West Virginia Conferences.

(*d.*) The Central Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, in the Genesee, Pittsburg, and West Virginia Conferences and as far west as the Eastern boundary of Illinois.

(*e.*) The Western Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, situated between the Eastern boundary of Illinois and the Western Boundary of Colorado.

(*f.*) The Pacific Coast Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training-schools, West of Utah.

(*g.*) The Bureau for the Supervision of Colored Deaconesses shall include all Deaconess work among colored people.

(*h.*) The Deaconess work in Utah shall be under the supervision of the Utah Bureau.

(*i.*) The Executive Committee of the Department shall consist of a General Superintendent, who may be Field Secretary; the Standing Committee on National Training-schools; the Secretaries of the several Deaconess Bureaus, together with two representatives from the Executive Committee of each Deaconess Institution.

(*j.*) The duty of the Executive Committee shall be the establishment and general supervision of all Training-schools and Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Society.

(*k.*) The appointment of Deaconesses to their fields of labor shall be made by the General Superintendent and Chairman of Training-schools Committee.

(*l.*) The Presidents of the National Training-schools shall be nominated by the Chairman of the National Training-schools Committee and elected by the Board of Trustees.

(*m.*) The Board of Management of each Home shall report semi-annually on dates corresponding to the division of the fiscal year of the Society to the Secretary of the Bureau. The Secretary of the Bureau shall report annually to the General Superintendent.

(*n.*) Auxiliaries in cities and towns where such Deaconess Homes are located as are authorized to send a delegate to the General Board of Managers shall be entitled to half the membership dues, which amount shall be returned to the Conference Treasurer.

(*o.*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than eight years of efficient, consecutive service as Deaconesses, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the eight years of service not to include the two years of training.

(*p.*) Any such Deaconess may be admitted to a Rest Home on the payment for her of $200 by the Home of which she has been a member, or by herself, or by her friends.

(*q.*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who, at the close of their effective service, shall be unwilling to enter a Rest Home.

(*r.*) The Board of Management of such Deaconess Home as receives support from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on approval of the General Board of Managers, shall become a Standing Committee for its management, and shall be entitled to a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

(*s.*) We recommend that the rules of the several Homes, as to support of deaconesses, term of service, costume, age, or admission and support of disabled workers, shall be as nearly as possible uniform, and that the allowance for incidentals, for clothing, etc., for a licensed deaconess shall be eight dollars a month; all questions pertaining to the general interests of deaconess work being in each Conference finally placed, as by the Discipline, under the control of the Conference Board of Nine.

(*t.*) Any person receiving aid from the Woman's Home Missionary Society in securing training at the training-schools of the Society shall receive this money as a loan, which obligation shall be satisfied by a term of service in the Society of not less than two years' service for one year's training, nor less than four years' service for two years' training, or return the money to the Society as soon as practicable.

(*u.*) The Superintendent of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference in which that Home is located.

(*v.*) The deaconesses of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society may select, annually, one of their own number who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to represent them at the meetings of the Conference Society.

15. The Bureau for Chinese Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Chinese.

16. The Bureau for Japanese and Corean Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Japanese and Coreans on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii.

17, The Bureau for Porto Rico shall supervise the work of the Society in the Porto Rican mission field.

18. The Bureau for Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast shall supervise the work of the Society for the Spanish people on that coast.

19. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall supervise the collection and distribution of clothing, literature, and such other supplies as may be helpful to ministers' families, Sunday-schools, and the Industrial Schools of the Society.

20. It shall be the duty of the Bureau for Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Home Missions among young people; to organize Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Home Mission Circles, and Home Guards, and to secure the enlistment of Mothers' Jewels.

21. Local missionary work, for which credit for money expended is

given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

22. The funds used for the support of city mission work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

23. Auxiliaries and Churches furnishing supplies to meet the needs of missionary work recognized by the Woman's Home Missionary Society may be credited for the same through the Bureau for Supplies.

24. The Bureau for Home Missionary Reading Circle shall co-operate with the Secretary of Literature in the supervision and preparation of courses of missionary reading, and the organization of Reading Circles. Loan libraries may be provided for the use of ministers and students in frontier districts.

25. The duty of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence shall be to promote systematic giving by the preparation and circulation of literature, and such other efforts as are adapted to secure this end.

26. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 31st of July.

2. AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th.

3. CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV. Sections 3 and 4, October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th.

4. GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of October, January, April, and July.

5. The funds of the Society, unless otherwise ordered, must be sent by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer, and whenever held by either of these officers shall be deposited in a banking institution in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work must in all cases be raised as a special fund for this work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employees of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board of Trustees, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board of Trustees, through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than September 10th of each year), carefully-prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. Each Conference Corresponding Secretary is requested to come to the meeting of the General Board of Managers prepared to say what special work her Conference will support for the coming year.

9. No officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society, shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other

than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the Board of Trustees of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

10. The erection of buildings shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the general treasury of this Society, or fully provided for, nor until the erection of the said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same shall have been approved by the Board of Trustees of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of the Bureau having charge of the work, which shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. At the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers and assistants, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees and paid by order of the Society.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work as per blank provided, sending one copy to the General Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. It shall be the aim in our Industrial Schools to provide: (1.) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) Instruction in dressmaking and cutting, making and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6.) Kindergarten and kitchengarden training; (7.) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a Committee on Literature consisting of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Society, the Editor of *Woman's Home Missions*, the Editor of Publications, and the Secretary of Literature.

2. This Committee shall secure and furnish information relating to the various Bureaus and mission fields in the form of Books, Booklets, and Leaflets, upon application send such information out for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings as will aid in the dissemination of Home Missionary intelligence. All leaflets, booklets, etc., bearing the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the bills for printing which are to be paid from the treasury, shall receive the approval of the Committee on Literature before being put to press.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the Board of Trustees, as will be of interest to the Society or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

(1.) Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?

(2.) Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

(3.) Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

(4.) When and where were you born?

(5.) What are your domestic relations and obligations?

(6.) Have you a thorough English education?

(7.) In what schools have you taught, and how long?

(8.) Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

(9.) Can you cut and fit dresses and teach sewing and millinery?

(10.) Are you able to give instruction in housekeeping, including cooking?

(11.) Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1.) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2.) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3.) Good health; (4.) Educational fitness; (5.) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6.) Aptness to teach.

(2.) Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

(3.) The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

(4.) When a candidate has been approved by the Board of Trustees, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission-field.

(5.) The Board of Trustees at its quarterly-meeting in April shall make a special examination of the work of the missionaries during the past year, and appoint them for the coming year.

(6.) A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also her return expenses when she is recalled by the Board of Trustees; and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall not exceed $40 per month.

VII.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Young Woman's Auxiliaries paying $1.00 dues per member and ten cents contingent fund, may be organized under the constitution and by-laws provided for Auxiliaries.

2. Young People may be organized into Home Mission Circles under the general rules governing Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of fifty cents per annum and ten cents contingent fund. They may be under the direction of an older person, and they are recommended to choose a special name.

3. Conferences having ten or more Young Woman's Organizations may elect a young woman as a visiting delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers. She shall be entitled to a seat and a voice in that body, but not to a vote.

4. Young people under fourteen may be organized into Home Guards under the constitution provided.

5. Children may be enrolled as Mothers' Jewels on the payment of ten cents annually.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

[Note.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

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1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.

2. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

3. The Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committees at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

4. At the quarterly meetings, written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairman of the Standing Committees.

5. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance

upon any meeting of the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled to a seat and the privilege of discussion.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the Chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1.) Business; (2.) Scholarships; (3.) Missionary candidates; (4.) Annual Meeting; (5.) Literature; (6.) "Woman's Home Missions;" (7.) Transportation; (8.) Mite-boxes; (9.) Bequest and Devise; (10.) Insurance; (11.) Thank-offering.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of Standing Committees, of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and of a visiting delegate and alternate as provided in Sec. VII., No. 2, Young People's Work.

3. Order of business: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Introduction of delegates; (3.) Appointment of committees; (4.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Reports of District Officers; (8.) Report of Secretaries of Departments; (9.) Reports of committees; (10.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business. (11.) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) By-laws; (3.) Woman's Home Missions.

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The officers shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected by ballot. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference.

8. Every Auxiliary Society and Young People's Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate for each twenty members, and fraction thereof. Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies of less than twenty

members, shall be entitled to one delegate; also the Board of Management of a Deaconess Home or Mission Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, Secretaries of Departments, and Conference Organizers, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blanks and receive reports, and to forward a report by the 1st of October, January, April, and July to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, and to secure a report from Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries for Conference and District Annual Meetings. In the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, she shall also secure reports from Circles and Bands.

11. There shall be a Supply Secretary, a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary for Young People's Work, a Secretary for Home Missionary Reading Circle, Secretary of Systematic Beneficence, Secretary of Literature, Secretary of Temperance, and such other Secretaries as the exigencies of the work demand, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board. Each Conference Society shall also elect a Manager for National Training-schools.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ———— on the —— of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys and vouchers sent to the General Treasurer.

15. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute ten cents a member annually, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

16. As soon as practicable, each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

17. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District, shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

18. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing Auxiliaries and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

19. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

20. In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists of traveling expense and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference

Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance.

21. The accounts of such Organizers shall be audited each month by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Conference Board for this purpose before sending bills to the General Treasurer.

22. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the Auxiliaries the —— of ——, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

23. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the ——— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Art. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

Art. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ——— District shall be a member of the Association.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Secretaries of departments as are necessary to the promotion of the work. These officers shall be nominated by informal ballot and elected by ballot.

Art. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of September, of December, of March, and of June, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of October, January, April, and July. The Treasurer shall hold the Contingent Fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 6. There shall be an Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association.

Art. 7. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute

women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

Art. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, and such other Department Secretaries as may be thought advisable, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be amended only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati. It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions*.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Literature to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. She shall keep a file of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and the Annual Reports for reference; take and forward orders for the same. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the auxiliary.

7. Order of exercises for monthly meeting: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Reading and approval of minutes; (3.) Reports from members of work done; (4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing; (5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (6.) Unfinished business; (7.) Miscellaneous business; (8.) Adjournment.

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in

which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. There shall be a contingent fund provided either by the assessment of ten cents per member, or by a penny collection at the regular meetings, or by any other method devised by the Auxiliary.

11. Each woman connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

12. These By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR HOME MISSION CIRCLES.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Home Mission Circle of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Circle shall be to interest the young people of the Church in missionary work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country.

Art. 3. Any young person fourteen years of age or over, paying one cent a week, or fifty cents a year and ten cents contingent fund, may become a member of this Society, and any person paying two cents a week, or one dollar a year, may become an Honorary member of the Circle.

Art. 4. The officers of this Circle shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together with the Conference and District Secretaries for Young People, as advisory, by correspondence or otherwise, shall constitute an Executive Committee to conduct the work of the Circle.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Circle shall be held ——— of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be on ——— day of ———, when Annual reports shall be read, and officers elected for the coming year.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be changed only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR HOME MISSION CIRCLES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Circle, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President in her absence, and seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Circle, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Circle, solicit subscriptions to our papers, and send reports once a quarter to the Conference Secretary of the work of the Circle.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, keep a book account, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer. A Contingent Fund for the expenses of the Circle shall also be provided.

6. There shall be two Standing Committees, Literary and Musical, one to furnish a Missionary Program, and the other to provide music for the meetings.

7. Home Mission Circles may give literary and musical entertainments in public, at which full reports of the work of the Circle may be made, that the sympathy and interest of the Church may be awakened and kept alive.

8. Each member of the Circle shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

9. Suggestive Order of Exercises for Monthly Meeting: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Reading of minutes; (3.) Report of Treasurer; (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (5.) Discussion of plans of work; (6.) Program; (7.) Adjournment.

10. These By-laws can be amended only at a regular meeting of the Circle by two-thirds vote of the members present, one month's notice of such intention having been given.

CONSTITUTION FOR HOME GUARDS.

Article 1. This organization shall be called the ——— Home Guards of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Organization is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

Art. 3. The officers of this Organization shall be a lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Organization; a President, four or more Vice Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

Art. 4. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of the Home Guards by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee. The payment of $2.50 shall constitute a life membership.

Art. 5. The Home Guards may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 6. The Home Guards may support a beneficiary, furnish mission supplies, or assist in any department of missionary work they may desire, provided the work chosen be approved by the Executive Board of the Conference Society, or the Board of Trustees of the General Society.

Art. 7. This Organization may become a part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing to its work in its various fields, and all work done by them shall be under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money and vouchers must be sent through their Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer.

Art. 8. The Annual Meeting of the Home Guards for the election of officers shall be held on ———.

Art. 9. This Constitution can be amended by the Board of Trustees

of the General Society. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR HOME GUARDS.

1. The meetings of this Organization shall be held on ——— of every ———.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Vice-Presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their Societies, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

4. Order of Exercise for Regular Meeting: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Reading and approval of minutes; (3.) Report of Treasurer; (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (5.) Report of Home Guards; (6.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (7.) Program; (8.) Adjournment.

5. These By-laws may be amended with the consent of the Auxiliary with which the Society is connected.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(***Personal Estate***)—*I give and bequeath to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

DEVISE—(***Real Estate***)—*I give and devise to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say :.....to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

DONATION $1,000.	ANNUITY 5%.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

CERTIFICATE OF ANNUITY.

(Insert donor's name.) (Insert Residence.)

_____ *of* _____,

having donated the sum of **One Thousand Dollars** *to THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, subject, however, to the payment by said Society of an* **annuity** *of five per cent per annum on said sum for and during her natural life, which donation has been accepted, subject to the condition aforesaid; NOW, THEREFORE, said Society hereby agrees to pay said annuity to the order of said donor in semi-annual installments, being the sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars**, *payable on the first day of January, and a like sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars**, *payable on the first day of July of each and every year hereafter, so long as the said* _____ *shall live; and after her death said Society shall not be subject to any payment on account of said donation.*

This Society *shall have the immediate right to use said donation for any of its purposes.*

In Witness Whereof *said Society has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed at the City of Cincinnati, by Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, its Treasurer, thereunto duly authorized, this* _____ *day of* _____ *one thousand nine hundred and* _____

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BY

_____

TREASURER.

CORPORATE SEAL.

NOTE.—Form of Annuity Certificate. The above form is for a donation of $1,000.00, with annuity of five per cent It can readily be changed either in amount or in the rate per cent, or in both, so as to comply with the facts and contract in each case.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to become incorporated under the laws of Ohio, in such cases made and provided, do hereby subscribe and acknowledge the following Articles of Incorporation :

First. The name of the corporation shall be "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

Second. The said corporation shall be located at *Cincinnati*, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Third. The said corporation is not for profit, but is wholly benevolent and charitable.

Fourth. The purpose and objects of the corporation shall be to enlist and organize Christian women to labor in behalf of needy and destitute women and children in all parts of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in educational and missionary work; to employ women to work in destitute localities; to instruct the ignorant and unfortunate in the practice of industry and economy; and in the principles of sanitary law and morality, and to establish schools and evangelistic agencies throughout the United States and Territories.

Thus done and certified at *Cincinnati, Ohio*, this *20th* day of *November*, A. D., *1884*.

ELIZA G. DAVIS,	[Seal.]
ELIZABETH RUST,	[Seal.]
E. J. FOWLER WILLING,	[Seal.]
M. E. AMPT,	[Seal.]
LOUISA HEMESETH.	[Seal.]

The State of Ohio, Hamilton County, ss.:

Be it remembered that on the *20th* day of *November*, *1884*, before me the subscriber, a *Notary Public* in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared *Eliza G. Davis*, *Elizabeth Rust*, *E. J. Fowler Willing*, *M. E. Ampt*, and *Louisa Hemeseth*, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and severally acknowledged that they respectively signed and sealed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my *Notarial Seal*, the day and year last aforesaid.

WM. J. T. WILSON,
Notary Public, Hamilton County, O.

{ (SEAL.) }

The State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, ss.:

I, *Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas*, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in this office that *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, was at the time of taking such proof, or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized to administer oaths, to take acknowledgments of deeds, etc.

And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate, or proof of acknowledgment, is genuine. I further certify that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Cincinnati, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1884.

(SEAL.)

Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk.
By Richard C. Rohner, Deputy.

(Certificate under Section 906, Revised Statutes of the United States.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
STATE OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State of the State of Ohio*, and being the officer who, under the Constitution and Laws of said State, is duly constituted the keeper of the record of articles of incorporation of all companies incorporated under the laws thereof, and the records of all papers relating to the creation of said incorporated companies, and empowered to authenticate exemplifications of the same, do hereby certify that the annexed instrument is an exemplified copy, carefully prepared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct, of the Articles of Incorporation of "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," filed in this office on the *22d* day of *November*, A. D. *1884*, and recorded in *Volume 31*, *Page 242*, of the *Records of Incorporations;* that said exemplification is in due form and made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto attached my official signature and the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, at Columbus, this 1st day of March, A. D., 1902.

LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State.*
[Signed.]

SEAL.

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